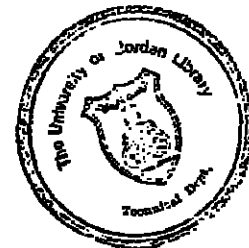


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## Howe arrives for talks on Mideast

# Israel urged to take next step in peace process

**KUWAIT, Jan 2, (Agencies):** British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe began a nine-day Gulf tour in Kuwait today with a call to Israel to take the next step in the Middle East peace process.

In talks with the leaders of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Oman and North Yemen, Howe said he would seek views on a broad range of regional concerns, notably the four-month-old ceasefire in the Gulf war and the "improved prospects for a dialogue in the Arab-Israeli dispute."

Speaking on arrival in Kuwait, he said he would counsel patience and moderation in Arab-Israeli relations following PLO leader Yasser Arafat's re-

nunciation of terrorism and recognition of Israel.

Howe, who was received by acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, said: "The central lesson of the crucially important Arab-Israeli peace process is that it needs to be tackled with great patience and tenacity."

### Progress

"Moderation is the key to further progress. The next crucial moves do have to come from Israel."

Howe pointed out that Britain has played a significant role in expanding the scope of the existing dialogue on Middle East peace efforts, and is still pursuing a policy of persuasion to push the peace process forward.

British officials said the foreign secretary would urge his Arab hosts, notably King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, to use their influence on the PLO to stick to its promises despite Israel's lack of response so far.

"The important next step is to convert attitudes in Israel and we're not going to achieve that in a hurry," said a senior member of his party.

### Opened

Howe said Britain attached great importance to peace and security in the Gulf and this would be central to his talks throughout the trip. Another key topic will be shifts in Soviet policy in the area, particularly its military pullout from Afghanistan.

Howe will make the keynote speech of his trip on Wednesday in Saudi Arabia, where Arafat



Sheikh Sabah (right) received Howe (left) at the Kuwait airport. (Picture by Mohammad Bedaq)

opened a new Palestinian mission yesterday, before meeting King Fahd later that day.

The officials said there were no plans for a meeting with Arafat. Britain last month upgraded its links with the PLO and junior Foreign Minister William Waldegrave will take that process a step further later this month during a visit to Tunis.

Howe declined to comment on recent "arrangements" between Britain and Kuwait on reducing Kuwait's stake in British Petroleum. He only said: The

arrangements were welcomed by both sides.

Howe said there was yet no indication of who plotted the terrorist attack which led to the crash of a Pan Am Boeing in Scotland last month and added: "No country is safe from terrorism and hijacking. No country should provide protection to those who carry out such acts of terrorism."

Howe's trip will take him to most members of the GCC. Last month the six-nation group, which generally backed Iraq in

its war with Iran, ended its first summit since the ceasefire with a call to Tehran to commit itself fully to a lasting peace.

From North Yemen, Howe will make a day-long stopover in Djibouti on his way back to London next week.

During his trip, he will also hold talks on further arms contracts in the region, a major sales area for British weapons. These include Kuwait's planned purchase of training aircraft, helicopter and patrol boats worth about £150 million.

## 'Iraq must accept UN Resolution 598'

# Iran is ready to clear Shatt Al Arab of mines

**NICOSIA, Jan 2, (AP):** Iran's Navy chief has said that his country will clear the Shatt Al Arab of war wreckage and mines laid during the eight-year war with Iraq once Baghdad accepts a stalled UN peace resolution, Tehran television reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Rear Admiral Mohammad Hussein Malekzadegan as saying that "Iran has the complete readiness and technical capability to clear the Shatt Al Arab of mines."

The estuary of the Shatt Al Arab waterway forms the southern boundary between Iran and Iraq.

### Dredging

"When the time comes to clear the waterway within the framework of UN Resolution 598, and agreements are reached in the peace talks on how to clear the strait, we will start dredging to clear the Shatt of any explosive and dangerous substances," the state-run television quoted Malekzadegan as saying.

Malekzadegan also offered Iranian technical assistance to other Gulf nations, stressing that any dredging of Gulf waters must be carried out by states in the region, the television said.

Last September, Malekzadegan claimed the Iranian Navy had already cleared its own waters of any mines, and was carrying out operations in international waters.

But there has been no independent confirmation. US sources said at the time they doubted that Iran had the know-how or the equipment for a successful mine-sweeping operation.

Iran's Navy had four coastal and two inshore minesweepers when the war broke out in September 1980, along with a squadron of six US-built RH-53D mine counter-measures helicopters.

### Accused

Western analysts believe that only two of the Iranian minesweepers remain operational, while the two surviving RH-53D helicopters are no longer able to clear mines.

Iran acknowledges laying mines only for defence in its own waters.

But foreign naval officers have accused Iran of sowing most of the mines in the Gulf. US naval officers say there may be up to 200 mines left, mostly in the northern part of the waterway.

### Patrols

Malekzadegan reiterated that his country claimed the right to inspect ships in the Gulf, despite the ceasefire.

"We will continue to exercise our rights in the waters of Gulf and Hormuz Strait and, according to international regulations, the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq does not hinder the exercise of those rights," he said.

During the war Iranian naval patrols frequently inspected tankers and cargo ships in search of war material bound for Iraq.

The reported last challenge to shipping was on Dec 12 when Iranian gunboats intercepted a British supertanker, the 270,000-tonne British Trident, in international waters.

Gulf shipping sources said the tanker was bound for the Iranian terminal at Sirri island and the incident appeared to be a misunderstanding.

Iran accepted an unconditional UN-mediated ceasefire Aug 20, but peace talks that started in Geneva five days later stalled over Iranian insistence that Iraqi troops be withdrawn to internationally recognised boundaries before the talks could proceed.

### Insistence

Another snag in the UN-sponsored peace talks was Iraq's insistence the Shatt Al Arab waterway, its main outlet to the sea, be cleared of war wreckage.

The two sides dispute where the border runs, with Iraq claiming the whole waterway while Iran says a 1975 treaty draws it down a median line. Iraq declared the treaty void before the war started.

Iran claimed that clearing the Shatt was a secondary issue not included among the points in the UN Resolution 598, which it sees as the basis for a peace treaty.

## New Sri Lankan President sworn in

# Premadasa vows to restore peace

**KANDY, Sri Lanka, Jan 2, (Reuters):** Sri Lanka's new President today dedicated himself to lead the strife-torn island to unity and peace as a powerful Tamil guerrilla group vowed to continue its separatist rebellion.

Ranasinghe Premadasa, prime minister for the past 11 years, was inaugurated today at a Buddhist temple in the sacred city of Kandy, the island's former capital, 115 km (70 miles) from Colombo.

The new President was sworn in at 10.40 am (0510 GMT), a time deemed auspicious by astrologers, to thunderous applause from tens of thousands of people who chanted "sadhu, sadhu" (blessings) as hundreds of fire-crackers exploded.

### Security

Army commandos and hundreds of policemen enforced tight security as an estimated 500,000 people thronged the picturesque city nestled in the central highlands.

Premadasa, 64, is the first commander to rule the Indian Ocean island of 16 million people since independence from Britain in 1948. He succeeded Juma Jayewardene, who retired after nearly 30 years in politics.

Jayewardene has been beset in the past six years by a revolt by the minority Tamil community in the north and east, and by a

violent Marxist group from the majority Sinhalese community in the south.

Premadasa, in a speech to the nation from the octagon-shaped balcony of the temple, said: "I dedicate to lead my people to unity and amity ... to peace and harmony."

Dubbed the "common man's president," Premadasa repeated his invitation to the rebels to join in the democratic process.

"I am available at anytime, anywhere, for any discussion in order to arrive at constructive solutions," he said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the biggest Tamil guerrilla group, has rejected a pact signed by Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in July 1987 and is continuing an armed campaign to set up an independent state.

### Hunt

About 50,000 Indian soldiers are now in the north and east of the island trying to hunt down and disarm the Tigers.

Premadasa received a boost on the eve of his inauguration when, at his request, India announced it was withdrawing two battalions, 2,000 to 3,000 troops, from the island in the next few days.

But the Tigers today said they would continue their fight against the Indian forces.

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## Death warrants issued for Indira killers

**NEW DELHI, Jan 2, (Agencies):** Death warrants were today issued for two Sikhs convicted of the 1984 killing of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, hours after President Ramaswamy Venkataraman turned down a final mercy plea.

A New Delhi judge issued "black warrants" against Satwant Singh and Kehar Singh and had them delivered to the warden of the capital's Tihar jail, indicating that execution might be imminent.

Satwant Singh, 24, was one of two bodyguards who turned their guns on Indira on Oct 31, 1984 in revenge for her ordering an Army assault against extremists who had taken over the Golden Temple of Amritsar, Sikhdom's holiest shrine.

At least 1,200 people died when troops stormed the temple in July 1984 and 4,000 more in a wave of anti-Sikh violence after Indira's murder.

### Conspiracy

The second killer, Beant Singh, was shot down seconds after the assassination but his uncle Kehar Singh, 54, was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to hang along with Satwant.

Kehar's senior lawyer Shanti Bhushan told reporters there were still many courses open for further appeal. "I can definitely say there will be (more) court proceedings," he said.

But R.S. Sodhi, counsel for Satwant, said only: "A minimum of 24 hours time has to be given by the authorities before executing the convicts."

Venkataraman had previously turned down Kehar Singh's mercy plea but was directed by the Supreme Court on Dec 16 to reconsider it with a wider interpretation of his powers.

With the rejection, the stay against the execution of Kehar Singh and Satwant Singh has been automatically vacated.

## I have not been told state secrets: Benazir

# Pakistan Army will be asked to accept democracy

**ABU DHABI, Jan 2, (UPI):** Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said she has not yet been told the state secrets and promised to work to limit Pakistan's nuclear potential to "peaceful purposes only," the newspaper Al Ittihad reported today.

Benazir, who became prime minister on Dec 2, also told the semi-official UAE daily that Pakistan's Army indulged too much in politics under late military leader Gen. Zia-ul-Haq and will be asked to accept democracy under her rule.

Benazir, the first woman prime minister of a Muslim

nation, came to power after Zia's death in a mysterious plane crash.

Asked if her new administration would continue in widely-reported efforts to make an atomic bomb and whether Pakistan has already developed such a device, Benazir said: "I have not been acquainted with the state secrets yet, but I can say as of now that I support the policy of keeping nuclear weapons away from the region."

"I will work to limit nuclear power to producing energy for peaceful purposes only," Benazir told the Arabic-language newspaper in an interview published today.

The Pakistani leader said her priority on the domestic front was to set up a "modern and professional army," but one that "should be kept away from politics."

"The Army was too much indulged in politics, and this is an abnormal situation which should be rectified," Benazir said. But she acknowledged such a task will be "very difficult."

### Changes

"I know in advance that the Army will be the last to accept the democratic changes I intend to introduce in Pakistan," she said.

But she ruled out suggestions her government will clash with the powerful Army, saying she

would use "persuasion and dialogue."

On foreign policy, she said she would follow the same principles pursued by her predecessors, especially on the question of Afghanistan.

"This issue is at the heart of our national interests ... Afghanistan is our neighbour, and because of that we are paying for the tragic civil war—as there are over three million Afghan refugees in Pakistan," Benazir said.

"The Red Army will have to withdraw from all Afghan territory," she said in reference to the 1979 Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

## Israelis demolish Palestinian houses

**OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Jan 2, (AP):** Soldiers today demolished the homes of two Palestinians suspected of involvement in firebomb attacks and of distributing leaflets that urged resistance to Israeli rule in the nearly 13-month-old uprising, the military command said.

Four Palestinians were also wounded in clashes with Israeli troops that erupted in four different towns and refugee camps in the occupied Gaza Strip, Arab news reports and hospital officials said.

In Jerusalem, police fired rubber bullets and tear gas to disperse Arab stone-throwing

protesters in the city's Arab sector, after a woman and a policeman were injured by rocks, police spokesman Rafi Levy said.

### Renewed

The house-wreckings in Balata refugee camp in the occupied West Bank came a day after Israel renewed a crackdown on activists by deporting 13 Palestinians to Lebanon. The deportees arrived in Lebanon's Bekaa valley yesterday.

Palestinians in Gaza city staged a spontaneous general strike today, shutting their businesses and public transportation, to protest the expulsions.

Six of the deportees were from the Gaza Strip.

The strike came as soldiers lifted a 24-hour curfew on the strip. The suspects from Balata whose homes were wrecked are among nine in the camp detained recently, who are active in the Muslim fundamentalist movement Hamas, an Army communiqué said.

Also today, West Bank lawyers representing Palestinian security prisoners announced they would stay away from military courts for one month to protest what they described as violations of their clients' human rights.

## US-PLO dialogue resumes Saturday

**ABU DHABI, Jan 2, (Agencies):** The US-PLO dialogue will resume in Tunis on Saturday, two weeks before US President-elect George Bush takes office, the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Khaleej, quoting a top PLO official, reported today.

Officials from both sides earlier said the talks, which started Dec 16, would not be resumed before Jan 20, when Bush succeeds President Reagan.

But Saeed Kamal, the PLO's representative in Egypt, said, "the second round of talks between the United States and the PLO will begin in Tunis on Saturday," the Sharjah-based daily reported.

The newspaper quoted Kamal as saying the talks will last three days and will be attended by US Ambassador Robert Pelletreau and PLO executive council members Yasser Abd Rabbo and Abdalla Hourani, as well as PLO representative in Tunis Hakam Balaawi.

The Netherlands will make its first official contact with the PLO.

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## Britons enjoying greater prosperity

# Babies can wait

**LONDON, Jan 2, (Reuters):** Britons are enjoying greater prosperity by taking more foreign holidays, watching more television and having babies later in life, according to a government handbook.

Nearly two thirds of all households have a car, three quarters have central heating and eight out of 10 have a telephone, says "Britain 1989" a 480-page volume covering political, economic and social affairs.

"Britain has experienced an economic recovery and is now in its eighth year of successive growth, with growth since 1980 being higher than in the other major European Economic Community countries," it added.

Contraception and a trend towards later marriage mean that the average age at which women have their first child in

marriage has risen to 27, with most families having just two children.

Over a third of all pregnancies in 1987 were conceived outside marriage, and of those, over a third were terminated by legal abortion.

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## Kuwait condemns terrorism

# FBI welcomes Arafat's offer of help

KUWAIT, Jan. 2. (Agencies): Kuwait sent the United States condolences today over the Pan Am jet crash in which 270 people died and said it condemned terrorism.

The acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed sent the message in a telegram to US Secretary of State George Shultz.

Sheikh Sabah called for international co-operation to stop the "dangerous phenomenon" of terrorism.

In Washington, FBI director William Sessions, anticipating a long investigation into the crash of the Pan Am Flight 103, said yesterday he welcomes any information PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat can provide.

Arafat "has a great deal of information he can give us," Sessions said. The FBI director added that contacts between the FBI and the leader of the PLO presumably could be set up by the State Department.

**Responsible**  
Sessions interviewed on two US television network programmes, ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" and NBC's "Meet the Press," said it may take a long time to discover who is responsible for the jetliner crash.

But the White House said yesterday it had received no offer from Arafat to help track down the bombers.

National Security Advisor Colin Powell said President Reagan had not received any message from the PLO by late Saturday, White House spokesman Roman Popadiuk said.

Popadiuk also denied that the United States had initiated a request to the PLO to ask for help in seeking out those responsible for the crash of the Boeing 747.

Investigators have said a bomb planted aboard the New York-bound Boeing 747 caused its mid-air explosion on Dec 21 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people on board. Eleven people on the ground are missing and feared dead.

Sessions said, "I'm very optimistic. We have a pattern and reputation for being able to solve such crimes."

While welcoming Arafat's help, Sessions said he opposes any attempt by the PLO leader to retaliate by killing any suspects.

**Believe**  
Asked about reports that Arafat is considering organising an assassination team, Sessions said, "We believe in the system of justice. We hope those people are handled in the courts."

Arafat has blamed terrorists for bringing down the jetliner, condemning it as an "inhuman criminal action."

Sessions said he has no evidence to confirm the bomb was the work of terrorists, rather than an individual acting against someone on board the jet.

## Hezbollah and Amal clash for third day in row

# Rival Shiite groups battle in Beirut, South Lebanon

BEIRUT, Jan. 2. (Reuters): Rival Shiite Muslim militiamen battled today in South Lebanon and broke a Syrian-mediated truce in Beirut where they fought for the third day in a row.

Police said the pro-Syrian Amal militia and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah battled with rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns in the southern Beirut suburbs of Chiyah, Ghobeiri, Hay Madi and Bir El-Abed.

In South Lebanon, they blasted each other's positions with artillery, mortars, rockets and heavy machine guns at Iqlim Al Tufah, 60 km (37 miles) south-east of Beirut.

The two sides blamed each other for breaking the ceasefire in the southern suburbs hours

after it began today. A Syrian officer, part of a force which deployed in the suburbs in May to end three weeks of inter-Shiite battles, said Hezbollah was responsible for violating the truce.

### Gunmen

Militia sources and witnesses said ten people — six civilians, two Hezbollah gunmen and two from Amal — had been killed since the Beirut battles began on Saturday. They said two baby boys and a woman were among the dead.

Amal sources said three of their fighters were wounded in the suburbs over the weekend while the official national news agency said dozens of people had

been wounded. Amal sources in South Lebanon said their fighters seized a Hezbollah position in the village of Ain Buswar.

Residents said Hezbollah militiamen in the hills sniped at strongholds in villages controlled by their rivals. Sidon residents reported explosions echoing across the hills of Iqlim Al Tufah, Hezbollah's last bastion in the south since Amal forced about 1,000 of its fighters out of the area in April.

A Hezbollah statement said Amal had attacked its positions after agreeing last month to end its feud with the PLO, led by Yasser Arafat.

"The attack came after the (Amal leader Nabih) Berri-Arafat accord and after Arafat

recognised the Zionist entity and agreed to stop armed struggle against the enemy," the statement said.

Amal sources said the accord stipulated that the PLO, which controls refugee camps near Sidon and used to provide military support for Hezbollah, would stop backing the pro-Iranians.

An Amal spokesman said the fighting today flared because Hezbollah was trying to prove that it still had military muscle in the south.

Syria deployed hundreds of its troops in Beirut last May to end Amal-Hezbollah fighting there in which 500 people were killed. The rivalry again erupted in violence for five days in November, killing 29 people.

## Woman offers to stay alone in cave for months

CARLSBAD, New Mexico, Jan. 2. (AP): Stefania Folini of Italy says she volunteered to stay alone in a cave for several months because such experiments involving isolation have long intrigued her.

The 27-year-old woman from Ancona, Italy, is scheduled to descend into lost cave in early January for a stay of at least four, and probably five, months.

"I understand there will be a lot of scientific interest in this, and I want to add my contribution," she said through an interpreter.

Ms Folini was originally scheduled to enter the 21-foot (6.4-metre)-deep cave early yesterday, but problems in getting United States-bound computers through Italian customs has pushed back the starting date about a week, project organiser Maurizio Montalbini said.

### Reacts

The purpose of the cave marathon is to find out how a person reacts to such an experience. The only voice Folini will hear will be her own, and she will not have a clock or calendar. She'll have no idea when the sun rises or sets, though she'll be able to turn on the lights whenever she wants to.

Montalbini once spent seven months in a cave, and others have spent up to six months underground. Without being able to refer to the sun, people's daily cycles are thrown off. They sometimes pass 48 hours between the time they wake up, got to sleep and awake again.

Folini said she was fascinated by news of Montalbini's underground stay, and decided to volunteer when she heard his frontier explorations and researches group wanted to send a woman into a cave. If she stays four months, Folini will set a women's duration record for isolation in a cave without being able to keep track of time.

She'll have plenty of reading to do. She has collected a cache of 400 books — histories, novels and a book of English grammar. Folini speaks Italian and Spanish.

The 110-pound, 5-foot-5-inch (49.8-kilogramme, 1.65-metre) woman said she plans to keep fit by practising judo, lifting weights and doing gymnastics.

She will be able to cook on an electric stove, and plans to stick to a vegetarian diet.

She'll live in a 100-square-foot (9.2-square-metre), plexiglass-enclosed module at the end of the 250-foot (76-metre)-long, 50-foot (15-metre)-wide cave. The ceiling is about 15 feet (4.5 metres) high.

### Equipped

The module will be equipped with four IBM personal computers — two for communicating with four scientists who will monitor her from a mobile home at the cave's entrance, and two for tests of her brain functions.

In addition to attaching brain-wave monitors to her head at times, Folini will monitor her heart rate. Scientists will be able to monitor her via video camera and microphones.

The experiment will allow researchers to make comparisons with the isolation of long-term space travel.



Rescue workers prepare to unload bodies recovered after the boat Bateau Mouche sank in Rio de Janeiro.

## At least 51 revellers drowned in Rio boat disaster

# Divers continue search for victims

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Jan. 2. (AP): Divers continued searching the grey waters of Guanabara Bay today for more victims from an overcrowded excursion boat that sank on New Year's Eve, drowning at least 51 celebrants.

Meanwhile, police said they would seek to bring homicide charges against those responsible for letting the boat sail with too many people and for ignoring Port Authority orders to remain at shore.

"We think the majority of the bodies already have been taken out, but there always is the possibility of finding more," said Lt. Pedro Paulo Albuquerque of the fire department's naval group.

"We also may see some bodies washing up on Rio beaches in the next couple of days," the lieutenant said.

Various reports have said 130 to 150 people were on the 100-capacity boat at the time of the accident.

### Sightseeing

The double-decked sightseeing boat Bateau Mouche was under 65 feet (20 metres) of water near Sugar Loaf Mountain, a picturesque Rio landmark close to downtown.

Chief Irineu Barroso of Rio's 10th police precinct, in charge of the criminal aspects of the case, said authorities "hope to indict

someone for criminal homicide. We are taking statements from survivors, and they are telling us that something aboard that boat was not right."

Cid Castor, a director of Itatiaia Turismo, the Rio travel agency that booked the ill-fated cruise, said the head of its excursion department drowned on that boat.

"The passenger list went down with him. We are in mourning," he said.

Castor said his company had no responsibility for the actual operation of the outing, which was to take revellers to a spot off Copacabana beach to watch New Year's fireworks.

"We are simply ticket sellers," Castor said.

### Unavailable

Few other details about the passengers, crewmen and even a samba band on board were unavailable.

The Bateau Mouche tipped over and sank as it was leaving Guanabara Bay, crossing a choppy zone behind Sugar Loaf and heading for the open Atlantic Ocean.

Luxury yachts and smaller boats heading toward Copacabana beach to watch the spectacular display of New Year's fireworks picked up survivors from the stormy waters

at the mouth of Rio's Guanabara Bay.

"We rescued about 30 people from the sea," said Valentino Ribeiro, captain of the Casablanca, a boat that was host to a private New Year's Eve on-board dinner party. "It was terrible, there were people everywhere screaming for help. We took those we could and left the bodies. We couldn't take on any more."

### Attraction

An Italian, 63-year-old Silvio Chiaravalli, from Monza, and a Spanish tourist, Celestino Mouzo Lema, 58, were among the dead, said morgue official Gilda Oliveira. A second Italian, Paolo Mantegazza of Turin, was reported missing, said Italian consul general Pasquale Quinto Terracciano.

The flat-bottomed boat that sank about 15 minutes before the New Year was a popular tourist attraction offering daily sightseeing cruises on Guanabara Bay.

"We don't know the exact cause of the sinking, but we think it was because of excess capacity," said Maj. Oldemiro Santos, one of the fire department maritime group. "The sea was very rough."

Blanco of the sponsoring restaurant said "the boat was in perfect mechanical shape."

## Cuba marks anniversary of revolution

# Castro pledges to remain loyal to socialist principles

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 2. (AP): President Fidel Castro reaffirmed his hardline socialist principles yesterday in a nationally televised speech marking the 30th anniversary of this communist revolution.

"Today, we say with more force than ever: socialism or death, Marxism-Leninism or death," Castro declared.

The statement of ideological purity comes at a time of new challenges in ties with the Soviet Union, Africa, and Latin America.

On other fronts, Cuban diplomats say a visit here by Pope John Paul II may be possible in 1989, and Cuba has hinted it wants a more constructive relationship with the United States.

As part of anniversary celebrations this weekend, Castro spoke in the eastern coastal city of Santiago. A large crowd gathered for the speech, made from the balcony of the building where he proclaimed victory for his guerrilla forces on New Year's Day, 1959.

### Enormous

Castro told them he was maintaining strict adherence to socialist principles because of the

"enormous responsibility" Cuba has to the peoples of the Third World.

He devoted much of his speech broadcast on state-run television, however, to praising the role played by the people of Santiago and other eastern cities in his revolution and Cuba's independence from Spain in 1902.

On New Year's Eve 1958, Castro ousted a rightist dictatorship, touching off a revolution that has made him the undisputed leader of this Soviet-allied Caribbean nation.

Castro has used Soviet economic aid — estimated at \$5 billion annually — to help build schools and hospitals. But the Soviets say he has neglected industrial development, prompting speculation whether the displeasure will lead to Soviet aid cutbacks.

### Opposes

Castro is an advocate of socialist purity and opposes any policy that borrows from capitalism. He has spoken scornfully of the political and social reforms proposed by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, saying the "consequences would be hard"

for Cuba if the Soviet experiment encounters "serious difficulties."

"So we may be in for difficulties coming from the enemy camp and difficulties coming from the camp of our friends," he said last month.

The recent Cuban commitment to withdraw its 50,000 troops from Angola by 1991 presents another step toward scaling back Cuba's involvement in international conflicts. Cuba has given military support to many countries, but the commitment to Angola was by far the biggest.

Meanwhile, Castro has been aggressively pursuing interests common to other Latin American countries. Castro attended recent presidential inaugurations in Ecuador and Mexico and may participate in the inauguration of the Venezuelan President next month.

Castro also has indicated interest in a more relaxed relationship with the United States. In remarks to the national assembly last week, he said he would not neglect any opportunity to improve US-Cuban relations.

## Premadasa vows to restore peace

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Premadasa also made peace gestures to the Marxist People's Liberation Front, which has been attempting to topple Jayewardene's government in the past few months.

The front opposes the agreement with India and attempted to disrupt last December's presidential poll by attacking polling stations, election workers and voters.

Premadasa said in order to ensure the island's independence, Sri Lankans should settle their disputes among themselves through a process of consultation, compromise and consensus.

### Create

"We should not and will not create situations that provoke or invite (foreign) intervention," he said.

"Whatever the cost, I will not surrender an inch of Sri Lanka territory. Whatever the cost, I will not surrender a shred of our sovereignty."

Premadasa said he planned to provide more resources to develop the country's economy. "We must reallocate resources from defence to development," he said.

He has promised to wipe out poverty from the island by giving a monthly subsidy of 2,500 rupees (\$76) for the next two years for up to two million families now subsisting on food stamps.

## US-PLO dialogue ...

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PLO in Tunis next week, a spokesman for the Netherlands embassy said today.

Henry Wijnants, director of political affairs at the Foreign Ministry, and Robert Serry, head of the ministry's Middle East office, will arrive in Tunis on Sunday to meet PLO leaders, he said.

### Initiative

The European Economic Community will begin a Middle East peace initiative immediately with visits to seven countries involved in the conflict, Spanish Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordonez said today.

The central aim of the plan is to organise an international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations, an idea Israel strongly opposes.

The 12-nation community has created a diplomatic "troika" comprising Spain, France and Greece to pursue plans for the international conference. They will represent the EEC in talks with Israel, the PLO and the United States, among others.

## Babies can wait

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Life expectancy is now about 72 years for a man and 78 for a woman, compared with 49 and 52 years respectively at the beginning of this century.

The number of people smoking continues to fall, but cigarettes are considered to be the greatest preventable cause of illness, accounting for 100,000 premature deaths a year.

Twenty million Britons went abroad in 1987, two thirds on package deals, with Spain, France and Greece the most popular destinations.

Home ownership has soared, partly encouraged by the Conservative government's policy of selling local authority housing to tenants, and the number of people owning their homes has more than trebled in the last 35 years.

Nearly all households have a television set and the average viewing time is 28 hours a week, with growing numbers using video recorders to watch programmes at more convenient times.

### Flights cancelled

MADRID, Jan. 2. (AP): The fourth in a series of recent 24-hour strikes by jet mechanics forced state-owned Iberia Airlines to cancel at least 55 flights today and delayed 15 others for more than an hour, a company spokesman said.

Jose Maria Estrade said flights to and from Amsterdam, Paris, Lisbon, Zurich, Vienna, Copenhagen, Rome and Lyon, France, were among those cancelled as of 1 pm (1200 GMT).

The company had 351 flights scheduled for today, he said.

### Gang violence

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2. (AP): A carload of gang members shouted at a 16-year-old youth, then sprayed him with bullets during a holiday week-end of shootings that left two dead and capped a record year of gang violence.

The death of Adam Lopez, 16, brought to more than 330 the number of deaths attributed to gang violence in the county in 1988. In 1987, 284 died.

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Holding a flag of the rising sun, 90-year-old Kenji Muramatsu prays for the recovery of ailing Emperor Hirohito. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Well-wishers offer New Year greetings

# Hirohito fights on for life

TOKYO, Jan. 2, (AP): Emperor Hirohito remained in serious but stable condition today as members of the imperial family cancelled their traditional Jan. 2 New Year's appearance for the first time in 21 years because of his illness.

At least 19,000 people took advantage of a rare opportunity to walk through the palace gates in order to sign registries of support for the ailing monarch.

The 87-year-old emperor, bedridden since a haemorrhage on Sept. 19, suffered internal bleeding early today, palace sources said on condition of anonymity.

A statement from the imperial household agency said that despite the internal bleeding, there was no major change in his condition.

At midday, doctors attending Hirohito were uncertain whether the internal bleeding had stopped.

ped, the palace sources said. Hirohito received 2.1 pints of blood in emergency transfusions Sunday following a "substantial" haemorrhage, palace officials said. He has received a total of 30,465 cubic centimetres (64.4 pints) of blood since he fell ill.

Hirohito and his immediate family customarily appear behind bullet-proof glass on a palace balcony in the east garden before thousands of well-wishers waving paper red-and-white Japanese flags.

Kenji Muramatsu, 90, was among the first to arrive early today. The retired schoolteacher came wearing a traditional Japanese kimono and carrying a tattered Japanese flag, which he said he has kept since World War II.

"I came to pray for the emperor," he said. "I want him to get well and live as long as possible."

Takeshi Nonogaki, 48, travelled about 480 kilometres from Aichi prefecture in east-central Japan with his 16-year-old son Shinichi to sign the registry.

"My son said he would like to see inside the palace and I thought it was important to bring him here, especially now that the emperor is gravely ill," Nonogaki said.

"I believe respecting the head of your country leads to respecting your family and your company on individual level," he said. "I think it's good for people to learn those feelings."

The imperial family's New Year appearance was last cancelled between 1964 and 1968 for a major renovation of the palace. The custom, which began in 1948, was also called off in 1952 because of the death of Empress Taijyo, Hirohito's mother.

## Hundreds of judges resign in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Hundreds of Sudanese judges resigned today in protest at what they called government interference in their affairs.

The resignations coincided with increasing pressure on Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi from trade and professional union leaders to put an end to five years of civil war in the south.

Judiciary head Mohammed Mirghani Mabrouk told the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) that all the country's judges had given him their resignations today except for

Supreme Court members. He did not say how many were involved but judicial sources put the number at several hundreds. Up to 40 judges sit in the Supreme Court.

The mass resignation came three days after civil servants linked to the judiciary began a strike to press for better pay.

The Judges' Council said the resignations were prompted by a Finance Ministry study to adjust their salaries, which the council said was outside the government's responsibility.

Under the constitution, the judiciary is the responsibility of Sudan's joint presidency, the five-man supreme council.

Leaders of Sudan's trade and professional unions told Mahdi today that ending the civil war in the south was the only way to put the crisis-plagued country on the path to economic recovery.

The war with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) has forced millions of southerners to flee their homes and worsened effects of a famine that killed tens of thousands of people last year.

## Indian cricketer surrenders

NEW DELHI, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Indian test cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu, charged with beating a motorist to death after a traffic accident, gave himself up to police today after a week in hiding.

Sidhu and his passenger Rupinder Singh reappeared hours after a judge in the Punjab town of Patiala promised them bail if they helped police with their investigations and did not try to leave the country.

**Homicide**  
The Press Trust of India agency said Sidhu, 25, and his companion Rupinder Singh had been charged with culpable homicide following the death of Punjab union leader Gurnam Singh, who died during a scuffle after his car had run into Sidhu's. Sidhu, a right-handed batsman who helped India defeat a touring New Zealand side last month, said through a lawyer that Gurnam was not touched but simply collapsed and died. The Patiala judge set Jan. 18 for the next hearing of the case.

## Tibetans march peacefully in Lhasa

BEIJING, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Two hundred Tibetan students and teachers marched peacefully through Lhasa calling for greater use of their language and a ban on the use of weapons against demonstrators, Western and Tibetan sources said today.

They also said that an American tourist who was photographing the Friday march was detained at gunpoint and later released.

The sources said the march was legal and there was no interference from police, who rode in vehicles at the front and rear. They said the marchers planned another demonstration.

**Detained**  
At least one person — a Buddhist monk waving the Tibetan flag of independence — was killed on Dec. 10 when police opened fire on demonstrators in the city centre. Foreign diplomats believe the death toll is higher.

Reports from Westerners in Tibet say that 50 people, including eight Buddhist nuns, have

been arrested since the clash. The sources said six plainclothes police detained American John Sevcik, pushing him into a jeep and holding a revolver to his head. His camera and film, along with the cameras and films of two European tourists, were also confiscated.

The marchers carried four banners, calling on the authorities to fulfil a promise made in July 1987 to use Tibetan as the language for all Tibetan affairs, for Tibetans to be able to follow their own customs and lifestyle and for weapons not to be used against demonstrators.

**Africans**  
Meanwhile, diplomats in Beijing said African students should continue studying in China despite anti-black violence in Nanking and racial tension in the eastern city of Hangzhou.

The diplomats said the training provided low-cost technical skills needed for development and that students would be sent here as long as China was willing to help.

## Militants urged to renounce violence

CAIRO, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Egypt's top Muslim clerics, acting after a government appeal for help to end growing fundamentalist violence, urged hardliners to renounce force as anti-Islamic.

The call by a group of top theologians at Al Azhar, the oldest seat of Islamic learning, followed a month of violent incidents involving Muslim militants.

"Islam decisively rejects violence, coercion or violation on the rights of others in the

name of religion," they said in a statement appealing for dialogue and persuasion rather than force. About 10,000 people packed the 1,000-year-old Al Azhar Mosque and thousands more stood outside to hear the statement read by Egypt's leading Muslim scholar, Mohammed Metwalli El Sharawi.

Newspapers have said clandestine groups of fundamentalists, who regard most music, television shows and dancing as blasphemous, are trying to enforce strict Islamic laws in at least one Cairo district and some

towns in upper Egypt. They said bearded young men had banned wedding parties in the Cairo district of Ein Shams, where a police officer was stabbed to death last month and at least 300 people, mostly fundamentalists, were arrested in clashes with police.

In the town of Assiut, 380 km south of Cairo, police arrested scores of Muslim militants last week after university professors received death threats and students were attacked with chains, jack-knives, batons and whips.

## Kabul regime refuses to step down

# Najib gets tough with rebels

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Afghan President Najibullah said his Soviet-backed government will not quit and warned that Western-backed mujahedeen rebels will be taught a lesson if they continue fighting, the official Bakhtar news agency reported today.

The President spoke last night on Afghanistan's state-run radio and television networks as his unilaterally declared ceasefire in the 10-year-old war began.

**Rivalries**  
The Muslim rebels have dismissed the ceasefire and vowed to fight on until all Soviet troops leave the country and Najibullah's government is toppled.

Najibullah said "some persons and circles still irresponsibly think" that peace would return if his People's Democratic Party (PDPA) government left the scene.

"No, it is not so. Such persons and circles are committing mistakes," he said.

He said bloodshed would go on for a long time because of the

rivalries between rebel groups "of the present state of the Republic of Afghanistan pulls out from the political scene."

Najibullah repeated his call to rebels to join a peace conference with his government but he used the toughest language in recent months to them.

"However, we will certainly put into effect one more thing that if the opposition stubbornly keeps on (pursuing) the military solution they will be given such a lesson that they will realise very soon the futility of their choice," he said.

He said if the rebels agreed a permanent ceasefire would continue as a prelude to peace.

**Compromise**

"We are ready to meet with all opposition forces concerned in a peace gathering as a first step towards an understanding and compromise," Najibullah said.

He said he hoped such a conference would "remove all obstacles and barriers created in the past 10 years and pave the way for attaining compromise in all

spheres."

He said Kabul had made many proposals to the rebels for dialogue and ending the war.

"We are prepared to hold talks with the opponents based on these proposals or any other reasonable and objective plan, at any suitable place, time and at any level for the sake of the people and future of the country."

**Unity talks**

Meanwhile, Afghan rebels have invited groups based in Iran to unity talks before considering further discussions with the Soviet Union, rebel leaders said.

Burhanuddin Rabbani, head of one of seven parties that comprise the Pakistan-based mujahedeen alliance, told a news conference the guerrillas wanted "a single platform and a single position" before a second round of talks with the Soviet Union.

Rabbani met Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Vorontsov in Saudi Arabia on Dec. 3 and 4. He said on Sunday the alliance would next meet Soviet negotiators in Pakistan but no

date had been decided.

Another Pakistan-based alliance leader, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, said at the news conference the guerrillas were undecided whether to meet the Soviet negotiators a second time. "We must decide whether it will be useful or not before we meet the Russians again," Hekmatyar said.

**Coalition**

Moscow has invited the Iran-based rebels to talks and has asked former King Zahir Shah to join in attempts to form a broad-based government after the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

Under accords signed in Geneva in April all Soviet troops are scheduled to leave Afghanistan by Feb. 15.

Rabbani visited Tehran last week for talks with Iranian officials and an eight-party Afghan opposition group based there.

He said his alliance had invited the Iran-based group to Peshawar, the town in north-western Pakistan where the mujahedeen are based.

## 17th marriage not a big deal for American

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, Jan. 2, (UPI): Cleveland Yelder has been married 16 times but when he tied the knot again last month, wife No. 17 said it was no big deal.

"I never heard of a man being married that many times," said the latest Mrs Cleveland Yelder, 48. "But it didn't bother me a bit."

Yelder, 46, said his divorces show that marriages can be ended without violence.

"In all those marriages I've never killed anyone. I've never shot anyone," he said in an interview.

But, Yelder said, one time a sister-in-law stuck him with a knife while he was arguing with a previous wife.

Yelder said that he survived on disability payments for the next 12 years and was married 11 times during that time.

He has been married to 15 different women. Records show that Yelder married the same woman in 1965, 1976 and in 1979.

**Shortest**

The shortest marriage was in 1977. He married on Sept. 6, separated later that month and married again on Oct. 14.

Among his marriage memories: Marriage No. 4 in 1969 lasted 10 months before separation. No. 5 in 1971 lasted six months. No. 6 in 1973 lasted one month. No. 8 in 1974 lasted five months. No. 11 in 1977 lasted three weeks. No. 12 in the same year lasted five months. No. 13 in 1978 lasted two weeks. No. 14 in 1979 went two months and No. 16 in 1984 lasted five weeks before separation, according to sworn testimonies in the divorces.

He met his current wife, Ethel, at a friend's house. They feel in love, he said.

## Aquino seeks to regulate manufacture of firecrackers

MANILA, Jan. 2, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino today said she is asking Congress to lift a ban on the use of fireworks and instead regulate their manufacture and sale after firecrackers left 15 New Year's revelers dead, more than 2,500 injured and 15,000 homeless.

Aquino told reporters a 1966 ban on fireworks "has been honored more in violation than in enforcement" and said she was sending to Congress a bill that would "regulate the manufacture, distribution and use of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices."

She said the many deaths, maimings and injuries and destruction of property during the weekend's festivities could have been avoided had there been regulation and control of the manufacture and sale of fireworks.

Thirteen people were killed in explosions that rocked two illegal fireworks factories last Thursday.

A US serviceman and his stepson were killed Friday while they were preparing a giant firecracker to welcome the New Year.

News reports said more than 2,500 people were injured with New Year's fireworks.

Police said at least 25 people were killed by stray bullets and drunken brawls during New Year's celebrations in the capital, which took on the atmosphere of a war zone as Filipinos exploded firecrackers, set tyres ablaze in the streets and fired their guns.

Fires caused by firecrackers ripped through six areas in Metropolitan Manila early Sunday, leaving more than 15,000 homeless.

## US provides pictures of Libyan chemical plant

LONDON, Jan. 2, (UPI): The United States has supplied satellite pictures of a suspected chemical weapons plant in Libya to its allies in an effort to prove the factory is making banned chemical arms, the International Herald Tribune reported today.

But while the US allegations are being taken seriously in Western Europe, there are doubts in two NATO capitals that the photographs being supplied by US intelligence show "conclusive evidence" of chemical weapons manufacture at the Libyan site.

A West German intelligence source, who spoke to the newspaper on condition he would not be named, said Bonn has received over the past three weeks "satellite photos," from the US Central Intelligence Agency of the Libyan facility in question.

"But the difficulty on our side

is that there is no conclusive evidence in the photographs to support the Americans' opinion that chemical weapons are being made there," the West German official said.

A British intelligence source told the newspaper the photographs provided by the United States show a facility that resembles chemical weapons factories in Iraq. The source said the conclusion being drawn by Washington is based on such comparisons.

**Data**

The British official said the comparison was not entirely convincing, noting there was no clear photographic data on the kinds of material being supplied to the Libyan facility.

A US diplomatic source in London last week described the photographic data on the site as "pretty good." Some of the images are understood to have

been taken by high-flying, super-sonic US SR-71 spy planes.

The Bonn-based West German intelligence official told the International Herald Tribune the photographs of the Libyan plant show a large facility that appears to be a chemical factory and which is "heavily fortified."

While such fortification would "seem inconsistent" with Libyan claims that the plant is solely for the production of pharmaceuticals, the West German source said, "The problem remains that you can only see the shape of a plant, nothing else — there are no hard facts."

"We're not saying that the American position is completely foolish — we're taking Washington's opinion very seriously," he said. "But we've been trying to obtain more information from our own resources. We've been unable to do so, and thus we're back to square one."

## Turkey may witness more strikes in 1989

ANKARA, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Turkey lost a record 2.85 million workdays in strikes last year and labour officials predicted further militancy in 1989 if the government does not improve pay and conditions.

"We hope our workers will be given their rights otherwise they will be moved to go on strike. We also hope the government will give us more freedom," Orhan Balaban, a senior official of the main Turk-Is Union Confederation, told Reuters today.

Two-year collective bargaining contracts covering 600,000 public workers in unions wanting to cut shackles imposed by the Army after the 1980 coup are due for renewal early this year.

Unions in sectors including oil and energy, food, arms production, sugar, road construction, maritime and banking are seeking wage rises of over 100 percent to offset inflation.

**Lost**

Official and union statistics showed a record 2.85 million workdays were lost in 503 strikes last year, more than double the 1.30 million days and 220 strikes in 1980 during political upheavals that led to the coup in September of that year.

The figures compared with 1.96 million workdays lost in 1987, 234,940 the previous year and 1.40 million in 1977.

"Last year will be remembered by workers as the most dreadful yet from the viewpoint of labour rights in Turkey," Turk-Is head Sevtet Yilmaz told reporters at the weekend.

Yilmaz, whose organisation embraces two-thirds of Turkey's three million unionised workers out of a total workforce of 18 million, said: "Resistance will begin (this year) if wage rises above the current rate of inflation are not secured in talks."

Unions blame conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's Motherland Party, whose five-year term ends in 1992, for their problems.

Grievances include inflation, now at an eight-year high of nearly 90 per cent, a low minimum monthly wage, complex strike rules and a ban on unions engaging in political activity.

The Geneva-based International Labour Organisation has been critical of curbs on unions in Turkey, which applied in April 1987 for full membership of the European Economic Community.

## Thousands attend Rangoon funeral

RANGOON, Jan. 2, (Reuters): Big crowds filled Rangoon streets today for the first time since a bloody Army takeover in September as people turned out in strength for the funeral of the widow of national independence hero Aung San.

Witnesses said more than 100,000 people led by Buddhist monks and marshalled by students walked in procession behind the coffin of Khin Kyi, who died last Tuesday aged 75.

Some students defied the authorities by carrying banners of the National League for Democracy (NLD), the biggest opposition party, which is led by Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of the deceased.

**Playcards**

After the funeral the crowds dispersed peacefully. Aung San Suu Kyi and other family members walked behind the coffin, which was carried in a flower-strewn hearse in the slow procession through tree-shaded streets.

It moved from Khin Kyi's residence by Inya Lake to a grave in an area reserved for the nation's most respected citizens

close to the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Groups of students, who were in the vanguard of last summer's thwarted uprising against military-led socialist rule, marched at the head of the procession carrying placards identifying their colleges. Many wore NLD badges.

Witnesses said at one point on the route near the university campus a small group began chanting pro-democracy slogans and waving banners, but this appeared to be an isolated incident.

The military authorities had warned against the funeral being turned into a political demonstration, saying it could lead to "another round of disturbances."

The security forces, who killed hundreds of demonstrators when they opened fire on Sept. 18 to enforce the military takeover, kept a low profile with only small detachments of troops seen in the city.

"Quite a number of soldiers were in the procession itself and a couple of government ministers were seen in the vehicles that followed the walkers," one Western diplomat said.

## Benazir-Rajiv meeting dominated SAARC summit

# South Asia needs to break barriers

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 2, (Reuters): South Asian leaders have set their countries on a new path to fight the scourge of drugs and poverty while acknowledging that "windows of the mind" need opening to ensure lasting progress.

The seven-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was boosted by the first meeting of the young prime ministers of India and Pakistan at its fourth annual summit from Dec. 29-31.

However, the region containing a fifth of the world's population still needs to break some of the barriers that have sprung up over decades of conflict and distrust.

"The most important of these barriers are the psychological barriers," said Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, 44, in his closing address to the leaders of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"It is the windows of the mind that first need uncurtaining," said the leader of the group's largest nation.

In three days of talks, including one session lasting more than

six hours at a retreat in Islamabad's scenic Margalla Hills, the seven vowed to fight the drug trade and alleviate the hardships of the poor by the year 2000.

The so-called "Islamabad declaration" expressed "grave concern" over drug abuse, particularly among young people.

It declared 1989 "SAARC year for combating drug abuse and drug trafficking" and said the leaders "recognised the need for urgent and effective measures to eradicate this evil."

Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, 35, described drug abuse as "a major scourge threatening the future of our youth."

Benazir, with a combination of charm and resolve, gave impetus to the organisation which in three years of existence had few concrete achievements to its credit.

**Improve**  
Bangladesh President Hussain Mohammad Ershad said in closing remarks that the summit had brought home the need to improve the lives of the common man.

Addressing Benazir, he said:

"You have injected fresh input, new insight and a dynamism that has vitalised our efforts."

The kings, presidents and prime ministers set out a project called "SAARC 2000 — a basic needs perspective."

"They were conscious that all South Asian countries faced problems in areas such as food, clothing, shelter, education, primary health care, population planning and environmental protection," the declaration said.

Ershad, conveying the importance of the project will carry for the region's impoverished millions, said it "could radically transform the living conditions and quality of life of all the peoples of the region."

**Violence**

The summit, after a year of political violence in Sri Lanka and India, endorsed moves to carry out the convention on the suppression of terrorism agreed at last year's summit in Kathmandu.

Members would adjust their laws to comply with the convention, a sign there could be greater co-operation to arrest and bring

to trial people responsible for acts of terrorism.

Until India sent 50,000 troops to Sri Lanka in 1987 to enforce an accord with Colombo to end a campaign by separatist Tamils, the Sri Lankans alleged Tamils were given refuge in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

In their declaration, the leaders avoided mentioning the nuclear issue in a regional context, but they did call for more money to be spent on development and less on weapons.

They urged that "resources saved through disarmament measures should be diverted in particular to developing countries."

The leaders, conscious that major achievements are needed to bring the organisation closer to the people it represents, called on the group for more action and less talk.

President Ghulam Ishaq Khan said in a banquet speech that the future of the region ought to be better than the present.

"This is just what we owe to our people. This is what we have got to do. We just don't have an option," he said.







EVENTS



Dances of India

INDIAN dancers welcomed the new year with a show at the Indian Arts Circle on Friday. The "Dances of India" show was organised by the Sudarshan Kalamandir, and featured a variety of numbers including classical dances like Bharatanatyam and Mohiniyattam, and a selection of other semi-classical and folk dances. Above and right: some of the performers.



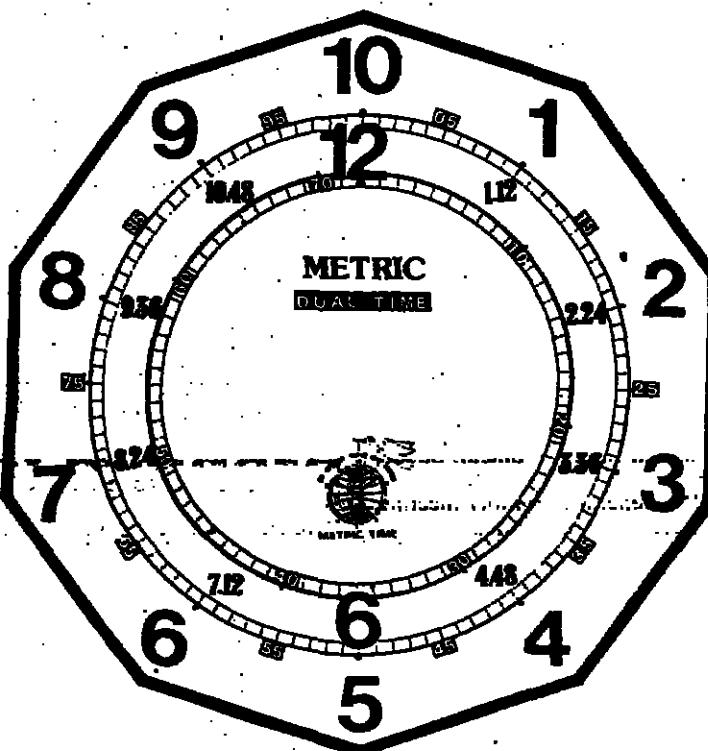
In the pursuit of a metric calendar

WOULD you like a 10-hour day, work only four days and receive your pay cheque every 10th day?

By adopting a metric time discipline, all these can be made possible, according to Indian metricologist Brij Bhushan Vij. Vij, who has created the concept of the metric calendar and clock, feels that the time has come to "replace the Gregorian calendar" with a "metric" one.

He claims the Gregorian calendar is incomplete, its quarters are not equal, months and years rotate and the system of seven-day week places a heavy burden on man. Twenty years ago, Vij began creating the concept of a metric clock. The system will work as follows: 72 minutes is equal to one metric hour as against the present 60 minute-hour. Instead of the 24-hour day, the calendar proposes a 20-hour day, 10 decadays (a decaday comprises of 10 days each) and 730 decadays in a year. Vij has removed the concept of weeks and months and has also redefined seconds. A metric second is 43.2 per cent of the present seconds and equals 3973825058 periods of radiation of Cesium-133 atom.

The definition combined with the concept of 100 degrees for a quadrant (instead of the present 90 degrees) brings the



The outer circle shows the metric time scale; the inner circle represents the 24-hour day.

unit of time in harmony with the unit of length (metre) in the metric system," claims the engineer-scientist, who gave up his career in the defence force in the pursuit of the metric calendar and clock.

The time is ripe to go metric,

he claims. "One must metricate the second, particularly after moves to disregard the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Over 104 years ago, a world conference selected Greenwich to mark the zero longitude as the reference point for calculating time zones around the world.

"A metric clock will bring uniformity in the science of measurements," said Vij, citing the example of metric systems being applied to weight and measurement.

**Concept**  
Vij, who is currently on a private visit to Kuwait, has been promoting the concept of a metric calendar for over two decades in India and overseas. Though other scientists have shown an "interest" in his theory of metric time, not many have advocated the change. He has written several papers, two books — "Towards a Unified Technology (1981) and The SI Metric units (1984).

Vij claims the metric system was invented by the Harappans, the inhabitants of the Indus valley some 4,000 years ago. It was not invented by the French, he insists. He cites the examples of the Great Bath at Mohenjodaro saying the Indus valley civilization had evolved a metric-based measurement technology.

Vij scoffs at critics and confidently believes that the world will one day adopt the "metric calendar and clock." Vij wears a metric clock and follows it. "It's much simpler," he says. — FA.

John and Alf

You know the face, but do you know the name? For more than two decades an American actor has enjoyed success after success in stage, television and film productions. But who is he ...?

By Kitma Heathcote

HIS face looks familiar but you cannot quite place the name. He is John La Motta who has played the tough guy in three films — and died in all of them. Fortunately, his career has not suffered a similar fate.

John has made various appearances as different characters in the police dramas Hill Street Blues and Cagney and Lacey and is now wowing TV audiences as Trevor Ochmonik in the hit television series Alf, recently shown on KTV 2.

And the man who has been quietly making a living as an actor on stage, screen and television for the past 22 years, will soon be seen in the movie Licence to Drive.

He says: "I am overwhelmed at the success of Alf and I am very grateful. This is the biggest thing that ever happened to me. John explains that the inspiration for the character of Trevor came from an American television special he was working on previously. "I was playing this guy called Harve Krinkle who is a loud-mouthed, sloppy blue collar worker. Trevor is a toned-down version of him."

When talking about the

character of Trevor, John says: "He's a cigar-smoking, fun-loving guy who flies a cargo plane on weekends. He sees everybody as his friend — unfortunately nobody else feels the same way. He's the kind of guy who makes himself feel right at home even when he's not asked. He's the ultimate guest who just won't leave."

Born in Brooklyn, John La Motta was the only child of a Sicilian longshoreman who encouraged his son to become a boxer and his opera singer mother who tutored John in piano, music and singing. He was an altar boy for 11 years and at 20 John married a woman he sang with in the church choir and pursued a career in banking. But he soon swapped his staid office job for the bright lights of the stage, working as a singer in nightclubs in the early 60s.

He recalls: "I was a crooner covering Jerry Vale and Frank Sinatra like the Black Cat Lounge in Brooklyn, New York, and Margarita's in Greenwich Village, and making \$20 to \$50 a night. That was a lot of money back then."

John made his theatre debut in a summer production of The King and I which launched him into other roles in Kismet, My Fair Lady, Oliver and A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum. He also performed in children's theatre production, and his Broadway credits include Ilya Darling, I'm Solomon, Zorba, and musicals Irma La Douce and La Strada.

Debut

In 1974 he moved to Hollywood: making his television debut in Barney Miller. John continued working in the theatre but he was also becoming a familiar face on television with appearances in Benson, General Hospital, Knight Rider, T.J. Hooker, Cagney and Lacey, Webster and Hooperman.

John says he is particularly proud of his work with Theatre East, a prominent Los Angeles theatre company. Working with actors like Keir Dullea, Victor French and Theodore Bikel, he won rave reviews for his stunning performance in The Shadow Box. He is now developing an original theatre piece based on the life of Tolstoy to be performed with writer/actress Victoria Thompson Kerrigan next year.

Well aware that he is character actor, he jokes when he says that his big ambition is to do "the Robert Redford parts."

But joking apart, he adds: "I may not be a household name, but I have survived quite well during the last twenty-two years in show business."

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.10 Good Morning
- 9.15 Cartoon serial
- 9.45 World News via Satellite
- 10.00 Quloob Hazina: Arabic serial.
- 10.50 News Summary/Good Morning
- 11.00 Bait Al Awham: local Arabic serial
- 12.00 Variety Show
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 Holy Quran/closedown.

EVENING

- 4.00 Holy Quran
- 4.15 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Bambo: animated feature
- 5.25 Tum Tek and Children
- 6.00 Liga Fi Al Zakira: historical serial
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.20 You and Your Health: presented by Dr Rashed Al Owaish
- 7.45 Questions and Answers: prepared and presented by Dr Farouk Al Omar.
- 8.30 Good Evening
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.55 Daily Arabic serial: Duwar Ya Zaman
- 10.45 Min Alf Ila Aliya: weekly variety show presented by Dr Tariq Habib
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 World News via Satellite



A Year in the Life documents the dramatic moments in the life of an American family, tonight at 8.40 pm on KTV 2.

KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Noveltoons: cartoon serial
- 6.30 Fire Raiser: a serial for children. Tonight, a break-in at a stable causes trouble.
- 7.00 Footsteps: An Italian archaeologist tours in Egypt, visiting the pyramids, the Karnak Temple, the valley of kings and Abu Simbel Temple.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 A Year in the Life: the continuing story of an American family. Tonight, a dispute between the

grandfather and grandson leads to discord.  
9.40 The Hit Squad: a candid camera captures men and women off-guard in moments of disarray.  
10.10 Bustin' Loose: comedy about a family which tries to hire a caretaker...  
10.30 Jake and the Fatman: the detectives have to find proof to arrest a woman who covers her crime.  
11.30 News Summary followed by Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0000 Newstalk
- 30 Megamix
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Poems by Post (ex 31st W. B. Yeats: Readings from the Poems)
- 45 Europe's World
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newstalk
- 30 The Learning World
- 45 New Ideas
- 55 Book Choice
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newstalk
- 30 The Bee's Lost Beatles Tapes
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Europe's World
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 Health Matters
- 30 Megamix

- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Havana Guitar Festival (ex 3rd Mario Lanza)
- 1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 Book Choice
- 30 Citizens
- 1200 Newstalk
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK
- 45 Recording of the Week
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Havana Guitar Festival (ex 3rd Mario Lanza)
- 1500 Radio Newstalk
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Citizens
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newstalk
- 30 Discovery
- 1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Development '88
- 2000 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Meridian

- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 Business Matters
- 30 Megamix
- 2200 Newstalk
- 2300 World News
- 09 Sportsround Extra (ex 3rd Commentary)
- 15 Concert Hall (ex 3rd From Britain's Music Festivals)
- ALL TIMES GMT

FM Services

- 0800 Easy Listening
- 0830 News
- 0840 Easy Listening
- 1000 Songs and Music
- 1300 Easy Listening
- 1330 News
- 1400 Classical Music
- 1600 Easy Listening
- 1700 Italian Hour
- 1800 Pops
- 2130 News
- 2145 Pops
- 2200 Indian Classical Hour
- 2300 Easy Listening
- 2400 Instrumental Music
- 0200 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening
- 1910 Behterem Qual
- 1916 Programme Preview
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Jahan Numa
- 2100 Closedown

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Al Salem Pharmacy  
nr. Sheraton, Fahd Al Salem St.  
Al Sharaq Al Jeddid Pharmacy  
Opp. Science Museum, Safat market  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Al Saadah Pharmacy  
nr. Al Burrak Mosque, Othman St.  
Salmiya and Rumaithiya  
Al Maidan Pharmacy  
Mishari Al Khalid Bldg., Baghdad St.  
Fahadeel and Ahmadi  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Sulaiman Dabbous Complex, Sinan St.  
Jleeb Al Shuyookh  
Al Hassawia Pharmacy  
Block 3, Main St.  
Jahra  
Al Khalid Pharmacy  
Opp. Co-operative Society

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Aliens  
Starring: James Cameron  
Al Salmiya  
Funoon Centre  
Performance  
Al Hamra  
Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati  
Starring: Amitabh Bachchan, Meenakshi Seshadri, Jaya Prada  
Drive-In  
Yom Mur Yom Helu (Arabic)  
Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer  
Al Firdous  
Adholokam (Malayalam)  
Starring: Nedumudi Venu, Parijatha  
Fahadeel Open-Air  
Roop Tera Mastana (Hindi)

Al Fahadeel  
American Graffiti  
Al Jahra  
Sarpanani (Bengali)  
Granada  
Anubandhan (Malayalam)  
Sulaibikhat  
The Comeback  
Al Jleeb  
Malika Banu (Bengali)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Asfour Al Sharq (Arabic)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 5.18 am
- Zuhr 11.53
- Asr 2.44 pm
- Maghreb 5.02
- Isha 6.25

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Arabian Gulf St.**  
Tareq Rajab Museum  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sudu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Sultan Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery. Thunayan Al Ghanem Bldg., Al Sour St. Open daily from 5-8 pm.

**Ghadeel Gallery**  
JAN 10-24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm.

**Kuwait Society of Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwait Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

The society invites formative artists, Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti, to submit their works. RULES: The exhibition is open

to all plastic artists residing in Kuwait. A maximum of three paintings can be submitted. Only original works which have not been exhibited before in Kuwait or elsewhere will be accepted. The works of art that will go on show will be selected by a committee and the society retains the right to reject any work of art. The last date for submitting entries is Jan 20. Entries can be delivered from 5 to 8 pm at the premises of the K.S.F.A., Hawalli.

THEATRE

**Tamil Play**  
JAN 6: 5 pm. IAC presents full-length Tamil play entitled "Unnaiye Un Vilai Enna?" (Truth: What is the Price?) Directed by C.K.V. Ramana. For guest passes call 3904817; 3903879; 4881359; 3616930.

**Konkani Drama**  
JAN 13: 3 pm. Labour Union Hall, Hawalli. The Goa Cultural Association presents Konkani drama entitled "Tujem Sukh Mozo Dushman," written and directed by Rex de Bardez. The cast includes the Mendes Brothers, Anthony and guest-stars from Goa — William de Curtorim and S. Lemos. For details contact the GCA members.

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 17 (7.30 pm) Gala night, Jan 18 and 25 (6.30 pm) family night, Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7.30 pm), Jan 20: 3 pm, 5.30 pm, Jan 23: 5.30 pm; Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland, Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets KD3 (adults) and KD2.500 (children). For reservations call 5726048, 5657749.

SOCIAL

**Cultural Show**  
JAN 6: The Nirjhar Cultural Group will stage a cultural show at the Al Andalus Ballroom, Holiday Inn Hotel, to celebrate Bangladesh's Victory Day. For invitations contact Firoz on 4310483.

**Mando Festival**  
The Kuwait Konkani Kendra will organise a "Mando Festival." Anyone interested in taking part can contact the organisers on Tel: 2644983 before Jan 30.

HOTELS

**At MESSARAKIYAH**  
Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

**At the Holiday Inn.**  
AL ANDALUS Night Club features Sharazed BBQ on Wednesday night; Arab singers provide live entertainment.

Every Wednesday is "Sea Drama on Ice" in Al Dana. Thursday night is Indian night featuring exotic Eastern cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

**At the Sheraton**  
Riccardo's: Italian cuisine prepared using home-made pasta; lunch and dinner, evening entertainment by the Sienna's Duo. Closed on Fridays.

**Al Hamra:** Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Tuesday's is Thai Night; Wednesdays: seafood night; musicians provide a blend of music from the East and the West.

Fridays buffet brunch while the children enjoy games in the ballroom next door.

**Hunt Room:** lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

**Le Tarbouche:** offers a taste of Lebanon for lunch and dinner. Thursdays: Arab world specialities night.

**Coffee Shop** offers casual meals and quick lunches plus a daily special.

**At the Ramada**  
AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the Al Arzz Band.

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

**At the Continental**  
GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

**At the SAS**  
AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

**Al Boom:** "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

**At the Meridian**  
Versailles: offers a new con-

cept in dining, featuring a selection of grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue and other dishes, open for lunch and dinner. Businessman's lunch is also featured.

**Caramba:** Mexican Night is held every Sunday at La Brasserie. Buffet features traditional "south of the border" specialities including tacos, tortillas and refried beans, plus live mariachis music.

**At the Kuwait Plaza**  
FILIPINO night held every Sunday from 7 to 9.30 pm.

Al Dallah coffee shop: buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner; also set menu; mini-business lunch. International Food Arcade: 4 to 10 pm; icecream festival: light snacks served from 10 am to 11.30 pm.

**Bosphorus Restaurant:** Turkish cuisine, a la carte; lunch and dinner daily except Saturday.

**At the Pullman**  
ELYSEES restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallah Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

SPORTS

**Football Tournament**  
JAN 20: Rising Stars seven-a-side one-day football tournament will be held at Al Sour Ground. Teams wishing to participate can contact Lawrence — Tel: 4832409/2657293; Eric — Tel: 3262800/5650466.

**PBAK Bowling**  
JAN 6 (Friday) 8.30 am: Quezon City vs Paranaque (KAC); Zamboanga City vs Cavite City (Chiquita). At 11.30 am: Manila vs Valenzuela; Mandaluyong vs Las Pinas; At 2.30 pm: Makati vs Baguio City; San Juan vs Calocan City. The league has been sponsored by Dollaro Exchange Co. Ltd., and Holiday Inn Hotel.



The Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently participated in a telematch and record breaking festival held at the Shaab Gardens. The main attraction was a 150 kg chocolate falcon sculpture made by the Sheraton chef. Above: the hotel team participating in the festival.



# ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CURSES are like processions, they return to the place from which they came — Giovanni Ruffini, Italian writer (1807-1881).

## Explosive Semtex defies detection

By Ruth Sinai

WASHINGTON, (AP): When Nezar Hindawi wanted to blow up an Israeli plane in 1986, he packed his girlfriend's suitcase with 1.5 kg of the odourless explosive called Semtex and sent her to London's Heathrow Airport to board an El Al Boeing 747.

The bomb, which was to be detonated by pressing the combination 2+3+3 on a pocket calculator, passed through an X-ray machine and was only discovered by an El Al security guard after questioning the young woman, Anne-Marie Murphy.

Terrorism experts say Semtex, one of the substances suspected in the explosion of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland, so far has defied all detection attempts by X-ray machines, dogs trained to sniff bombs and other devices. "It's a favourite with (terrorist) groups because it's significantly harder to detect than other plastics," said George Carver, a senior CIA analyst in the 1960s and 70s who now is a researcher at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington think-tank.

British authorities said on Wednesday that the residue of explosive recovered from the debris of the Boeing 747 Jumbo jet that exploded and crashed in Scotland was "consistent with the use of a high-performance plastic explosive." Speculation focused on Semtex.

Like the US-made plastic explosive C-4, Semtex is malleable like putty and shows up on an X-ray operator's screen as an indistinguishable dense mass. It can be hooked to a detonator placed in an innocuous looking alarm clock or radio.

But unlike C-4 and other known plastic bombs, Semtex is orange in colour and completely odourless.

Semtex also has the advantage of being stable, meaning it cannot go off unless it is meant to. Terrorism experts, like Neil Livingstone of Georgetown University, say Semtex is so reliable that it has been used by terrorists sending letter bombs to Israeli officials and has only gone off when the envelope was

opened. Czechoslovakia, which has a well-developed state-run arms and munitions industry, makes Semtex at a plant called the Eastern Bohemian Works, Livingstone said. US State Department officials say they have asked Czech authorities in the past to stop producing Semtex or at least to prevent its export.

Recently, Czechoslovakia indicated it might be willing to stop selling Semtex, said Livingstone, who has served as a consultant to government security and intelligence agencies and has written seven books on international security and terrorism. Czechoslovakia is believed to have supplied Semtex to Syria and Libya, said one State Department official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The State Department official said Libya had supplied Semtex in several shipments of weapons to the Islamic Republic of Iran in 1986 and 1987 and may have given it to other terrorist groups.

Semtex also believed to have been used by a tiny Syrian and Libyan-supported Palestinian group once known as the May 15 Organization and now called the Hawari Group.

**Explosion** The group is believed to have been responsible for the April 1986 mid-air explosion aboard a TWA Boeing 727 flying from Rome to Athens. Four US citizens were killed in that blast, which Greek investigators said was probably caused by a Semtex bomb the size of two or three cigarette packs. The bomb was placed under a seat on the plane.

The Hawari Group specializes in plastic explosives bombs, according to US counter-terrorism experts. One of its operatives, Mohammed Rashid, is being sought by the United States for his alleged involvement in the 1982 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner over Hawaii that resulted in one death.

Technology is being developed to overcome the Semtex threat, and two experimental detection devices are in use at the Los Angeles and San Francisco airports, officials say. The devices use neutrons that can interact chemically with plastic explosives in luggage and indicate the existence of a bomb.

## Uprising has rekindled hopes

# Palestinian refugees yearning to return home

By Alistair Lyon

AMMAN, (Reuters): Safa, a school teacher at Jordan's biggest Palestinian refugee camp, once asked her pupils to draw the homeland their parents had to leave decades ago.

"What I got was pictures of children throwing stones at Israeli soldiers," she said. "They are very aware."

Her school is in Baqa'a, a bustling camp north of Amman, where around 75,000 people live cheek-by-jowl in a 1.4-square-km (half-square-mile) patchwork of cheap housing and muddy alleys.

**Uprising** Many refugees driven from Palestine when Israel was born in 1948 or during the 1967 Middle East war profess a deep yearning to return.

Those who lost homes in Haifa, Jaffa or Lydda, swallowed by Israel 40 years ago, definitely treasure rusting housekeys they seem unlikely ever to use again.

For some, the year-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza has rekindled hopes they will one day live in the independent state alongside Israel that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) proclaimed in November.

"I cannot wait to go and live in the Palestinian state no matter where it is set up," said Umm Jamil, a 64-year-old woman from Jaffa, near present-day Tel Aviv. "I've been living in camps since 1948 and I'm fed up with this life."

Fishmonger Abdul-Sharif Abu Bakr was equally fervent. "We will all go back to our land when the state is set up."

Others are less sure what future a truncated Palestinian entity with few economic resources would hold for them.

"I don't know my land. I don't know what it looks like. I have never been there," reflected Umm Amer, a woman born in Amman's Jebel Hussein camp. "Whatever comes from God is good, but I don't know if I would

go back. I feel at home here."

Her parents fled from Lydda in 1948. Her home, shared with her husband, two boys and six girls, is a modest breeze-block dwelling typical of Jordan's 10 refugee camps.

A Western relief worker predicted that many refugees, especially the poor ones, would pack up and cross the Jordan River if a Palestinian state should arise on the West Bank.

"But they would be in for a terrible shock. They would not recognise anything. After a week or so their relatives there would politely ask how long they were staying," he said.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has 870,000 registered refugees on its books, but reckons only a quarter live in the camps. UNRWA does not count those displaced in 1967 because the West Bank was then part of Jordan.

The agency's Jordan director Ele Saad said camp life was not comparable with the overcrowd-

ing and poverty of Gaza or with Lebanon, where some shantytowns have been pounded to rubble.

"Conditions here are roughly comparable to the West Bank, but the Jordanian government provides more facilities in terms of water, electricity, sewerage and roads than the (Israeli) occupation authorities have done there," he told Reuters.

In existence for decades, the camps are not the tent cities their name suggests, but crudely constructed villages and urban districts, some barely distinguishable from their surroundings.

Sewerage and road-asphalting projects, once fiercely rejected by refugees and Jordanian government officials who feared any sign of permanence, began several years ago.

Safa's school in Baqa'a is leaky in winter and stiflingly hot in summer. "The children can't concentrate here and they don't do homework because they have no privacy at home," she said.

Fifty children sit two to a desk in a prefabricated room with half-broken windows and a door that is kept open.

The school, which operates two shifts a day for its 1,200 pupils, helps cater to a people thirsty for education.

"Everyone wants education because they see it as the best way to generate income in future," said Abu Nayef Al Wahaidi, Baqa'a's "mukhtar," or traditional mayor.

UNRWA, strapped for funds, halted its food ration programme in 1982, but still supplies 25,000 needy refugees with basic food, clothing, blankets and in some cases pocket money.

At one feeding centre, children line up with aluminium plates to be served from metal tureens heated on a gas stove.

Omar Haidar Amin, Baqa'a's senior medical officer, blamed congested living conditions for the commonest illnesses: respiratory disorders, skin diseases and diarrhoea.

"All the problems come from overcrowding. On average seven or eight people live in one room," he said.

Jordan's July 31 decision to break legal and administrative ties with the West Bank worried refugees, some of whom feared they might lose their Jordanian citizenship.

That has not occurred and the government has not curtailed the activities of UNRWA, whose 1988 cash budget for Jordan of \$67 million may shrink to \$53 million next year because a decline in the dinar's value means the dollars will go further.

**Deficit: Bush's spoiler** To clean up ageing nuclear weapons plants.

"George Bush is now in something of a trap—a box of his own making," said Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"He put himself there with his Clint Eastwood-like pledge on taxes. I think he's smart enough to realize that, and find a way to get out."

Many believe that only a balanced programme of spending reductions and new revenues will avoid automatic cuts called for under the law if the deficit target is not met.

Automatic cuts would fall heavily on defence and, analysts say, throw a cloud over Bush's presidency by demonstrating inability to deal with the nation's most serious problem.

But Democratic leaders have made clear they have no intention of going out on a dangerous political limb by pushing for tax increases without solid Republican support.

Democrats alone should not enact a tax bill, Rostenkowski said recently. The politics are that we shouldn't do all the dangerous work alone, allowing the president to protest that those devilish Democrats made him do it."

In 1981 the newly elected President Reagan found a complainant Congress, as he cut domestic programmes and raised and sent defence spending zooming.

But the Democrats increased their majorities in both the House and Senate this year and some see that as a mandate for full funding of domestic

## Deficit: Bush's spoiler

programmes despite Bush's no-tax vow.

House Budget Committee chairman William Gray recently issued a study claiming that Bush's "flexible freeze" budget plan would in fact mean severe cuts in programmes which pay for medical care for the elderly and the poor.

Congress formally reconvenes today, but it will not start work in earnest until after the Jan 20 inauguration of the new president, which takes place against the imposing white marble facade of the Capitol building.

The Senate will swing quickly into action as it holds hearings on Bush's nominees for high administration posts.

Hearings on leveraged buyouts are expected to open within the first weeks, although it is far from clear what Congress can or will want to do about them.

Further disclosures on wide environmental damage caused by outdated nuclear weapons plants are also expected.

Pentagon critics will be pressing anew for cuts in spending on weapons, buttressed by charges of fraud and waste during a defence buildup that amounted to more than \$2 trillion in Reagan's era, and by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's pledge to cut Soviet forces.

On foreign policy, liberal Democrats want to push again to impose tougher economic sanctions against South Africa.

In Central America Bush has voiced support for Nicaraguan Contra rebels but it is not clear whether he is prepared for a bruising fight with Congress to renew US military aid.



## Soviets decide to settle for a political solution in Afghanistan

By Kathy Gannon

ISLAMABAD, (AP): Nine years after more than 100,000 Soviet troops marched into Afghanistan, the Kremlin has decided to retry political solutions in the conflict it admits it could not win militarily.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev made it clear at the start of 1988 that before year's end Moscow would cauterize its "bleeding wound" in Afghanistan, a mountainous Central Asian country where Soviets admitted more than 13,000 soldiers died fighting an estimated 200,000 Muslim insurgents, called mujahideen.

Even before the Geneva agreement providing for Moscow's withdrawal was signed last April, Gorbachev said the Soviet Union would pull its troops out of Afghanistan whether or not the pact became official.

The first stage of the Soviet troop withdrawal began on May 15 and about 50,000 Red Army soldiers left by Aug 15. Soviets

have pledged in the Geneva pact to remove the remainder by Feb 15.

But the Pakistan-based rebels, whose seven-party alliance is backed by the United States, were absent during Geneva negotiations and insisted the agreement did not apply to them. They refused to guarantee safe passage of exiting troops.

**Attacks** Rebel and Soviet attacks persisted, spurring charges that each side is violating the Geneva agreement. Moscow said last month it was suspending its withdrawal, throwing doubt on whether it would be completed on schedule.

As the Feb 15 withdrawal deadline nears, heavy emphasis has returned to the political arena. Rebels in Pakistan and Iran are talking with each other and the Soviet Union to find a solution that could allow for a peaceful transition of power in the capital Kabul.

This month, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Yuli Voront-

sov met with the Afghan rebel leadership in the Saudi Arabian city of Taif. The chairman of the seven-party guerrilla alliance, Burhanuddin Rabbani, said he left the meeting confident Moscow was ready to abandon its Afghan communist proteges in Kabul.

The Soviet Union and Czarist Russia before it have a history of turbulent relations with Afghanistan, which one time reigned over large areas now part of Soviet Central Asia. Afghanistan's most recent history saw a coup in 1978 that left Soviet-backed communists in power in Kabul.

**Influence** But Moscow's attempt to wield influence through its proteges floundered within a year, and the Red Army invaded in December 1979 to prop up local communists against the mujahideen.

A nine-year war of attrition followed, during which leadership in Moscow changed three times, and splintered Afghan

rebel factions managed to subordinate their differences to the common goal of defeating the Soviets.

The mujahideen now says no communists will be allowed to participate in a post-war government.

And the Soviets reportedly have been distancing themselves from their Afghan comrades. Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said about 10,000 members of the ruling Marxist People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) already have fled Afghanistan since May.

One Afghan rebel in Islamabad said both sides are waiting until the last minute when an 11th-hour solution will be reached.

But the form of that solution is less certain following the death of Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, a strong supporter of the rebels who opened his borders to more than 3 million Afghan refugees.

Zia died on Aug 17 in a mysterious crash that still is under investigation.

Zia was committed to installing an Islamic government in Afghanistan, and Western and rebel sources said he had pegged his hopes on Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the hard-line Hezb-e-Islami faction of the rebel alliance. The same sources said Zia's commitment translated into a greater weapons supply for the radical rebel leader.

**Weapons** After his death, the opposition Pakistan People's Party emerged from the political turmoil saying it would cut rebel supplies, which have continued under a separate US-Soviet pact allowing symmetry in supplies to each side.

But after Nov 16 elections, the People's Party backed by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto promised to maintain Zia's Afghan policy. Benazir even retained Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, a Zia-loyalist, as foreign minister.

Militarily, the mujahideen strengthened its hand after the accord was signed by advancing on the heels of Soviet soldiers who began pulling back from rural outlying areas and border posts to the cities. During the spring, rebels took strategic garrison towns along the border with Pakistan, opening new and more efficient weapons supply routes.

**Battles** But the hit-and-run battles mujahideen have waged for a decade did not prepare them for urban warfare. They took several cities only to be driven back by Afghan-Soviet bombing raids launched from Kabul and inside the Soviet Union.

Sophisticated US anti-aircraft Stinger missiles are credited with reducing the effectiveness of Soviet airpower and forcing Moscow into negotiations. But there were not enough Stingers to protect the cities.

In November the Soviet Union introduced MiG-27 bombers into Afghanistan along with medium-range surface-to-surface Scud missiles.

## Bangladeshis battle waves and wind

By Anis Ahmed

ALORKOL, Bangladesh, (Reuters): Abdur Razzak and his five-man crew battled waves and winds on a small fishing trawler in the Bay of Bengal, undaunted by a recent cyclone that killed at least 3,000 people.

They had no radio to monitor weather bulletins, no compass to direct the course and no life vests in case of sinking.

"I have survived dozens of cyclones in my 28 years in the sea," said the 50-year-old fisherman. "Many of men died, many were never found, but I am still in the fishing business."

"The sea is full of gold and we are here to pluck it," Razzak said. "Sometimes, of course, it turns out to be hell."

Most of the fishing boats are made of wood, 27 to 30-foot (nine to 17 metres) long and fitted with 22 or 25 horse-power diesel engine. They sail up to 100 miles into the sea during their usual three to five-day fishing trips.

Fisherman Sulaiman Sheikh said there are plenty of fish and each trip fetches up to 200,000 taka (\$6,500).

**Killed** Sheikh lost two of his five sons in the Nov 29 cyclone, which killed at least 1,000 fishermen in a chain of small islands. Thousands are still missing.

At least 200 people died on Alorkol Island, 70 miles from the Bangladesh coast. Survivors said most victims were suffocated by blowing sand or were buried under waste laid by giant waves.

"A miracle saved me," said Krishnapada Biswas, 60. The storm swept him far out to sea but he drifted back to the coast five days later clinging to a floating tree branch.

Evidence of the destruction by Bangladesh's worst cyclone for 20 years is all over the Bay Islands—blown-down shanties, tattered boats, men and fishing nets buried under sand and floating human bodies and animal

carcasses. Most of the 2,000 people known to have died on the coast and nearby districts were poor peasants or labourers living in straw-and-bamboo huts.

"Their rickety houses did not withstand the 165 kpm (100 mph) storm even for a few minutes," said an official in Khulna, one of the worst-hit districts.

Nur Mohammad Sikder, vice-president of the National Fishermen's Association, said about 30,000 people migrate to Alorkol Dublanchar and several other islands on four-month fishing safaris every year.

"Fully aware of the risks, many people come here from far off places because they have no alternative. Others come lured by the big catch and relatively easy money," he said.

With the stench of rotting bodies still wafting around the island, most survivors have already returned to the sea.

"We have no time to mourn the dead. No fishing means no food," said one fisherman.

Others have not forgotten the tragedy. Jahanara Begum squatted on the shore, tears trickling down her wrinkled face, still waiting for her son to return. "Kalam is my only son. People say he is dead but I don't believe it. He has survived two previous storms and may be will show up alive again."

"Many deaths could have been averted if the government built cyclone shelters, promised years ago, in the islands," said Kamaluddin Ahmed, leader of a local fishermen's group.

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad, visiting survivors three days after the cyclone, pledged to build such shelters very soon.

"In this country, only deaths can draw official sympathy," said fisherman Khan Shafullah Khokon.

He said radio warnings of the approaching storm did not save many lives.

By Mike Hall

MWANZA, Malawi, (Reuters): Nightfall at Mwanza on Malawi's western border with Mozambique is accompanied by the roar of 40-tonne trucks pulling away from the bustling immigration and customs office.

They park on the Mozambique side. The drivers drink beer and sleep in the cabs of their trucks to wait for the next day's convoy across Mozambique to the Zimbabwean border.

This road through Tete province is the economic lifeline for landlocked Malawi, which pays a heavy price in foreign currency to the Zimbabwean Army to protect it from Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) rebel attacks.

Since Malawi lost its traditional railway routes to the Indian Ocean ports of Beira and Nacala due to sabotage by the MNR, which is fighting to overthrow the Mozambique government, the Tete road corridor has carried the bulk of the country's exports and imports.

Last year, this road and the only other, much longer, road

route south through Zambia carried over 90 per cent of Malawi's trade.

As the sun rises over the Mozambique border town of Zobe, one by one the trucks begin to roar into life and, under instructions from the Zimbabwean convoy commander, to move off for the two and half hour trip to the midway town of Tete.

**Soldiers** The first 20-30 km (12-20 miles) is considered safe since the road runs along the Malawian border. But after that, as one Zimbabwean officer said, "there's nothing but bush, animals and bandits."

In most convoys there are about 60-70 vehicles, mostly container trucks, stretching over a distance of about five km (three miles). From Malawi they carry tobacco, tea, sugar, groundnuts and other Malawian exports.

An armoured personnel carrier containing about 10 soldiers armed with automatic weapons and grenade launchers

follows after every 10 or so vehicles. The signs of rebel attacks are numerous. In many places, a band of tarmac two to three metres (yards) wide, had been dug up. The shallow holes showed where rebels had placed landmines which had subsequently been removed by the Army.

In several places the burnt out, rusting wreck of a truck lay beside the road as further evidence of a past ambush.

Most days, say truckers who use this route, the convoy passes without incident. But last week, one driver said, they were attacked by rebels firing from some distance. No one was hurt.

**Security** For security reasons, Army officers will not give any details of incidents on the route. But now that the rains have come and the roadside vegetation is thickening, rebel attacks are more likely.

"It's been fairly quiet so far this year," said the general man-

## Tete corridor: Malawi's lifeline

ager of one Malawi-based transport company, "but it's only a matter of time before we have a serious incident."

If there is an attack, the whole convoy stops. Zimbabwean soldiers return fire and pursue the rebels. Drivers climb out of their vehicles and hide underneath them until the firing stops.

One driver who travelled the route about twice a week said he had to do this five or six times this year.

**Broad** When the convoy from Malawi reaches Tete, it waits just outside the town for the convoy from the Zimbabwean border to arrive in the other direction.

Children from nearby villages ask for bread from the truck drivers, or just stand and watch the huge trucks line up.

Once the convoy from Zimbabwe arrives at Tete, the Army escort turns around to accompany the trucks from Malawi to Nyampanda on the Zimbabwean border.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1739 — Convention of the Pardo to settle Anglo-Spanish disputes.
- 1778 — Palatinate recognizes Austrian claim to Lower Bavaria.
- 1795 — Secret treaty between Russia and Austria for third partition of Poland.
- 1815 — Austria, Britain and France form defensive alliance against Prussia and Russia.
- 1868 — Shogunate is abolished and Meiji dynasty restored in Japan.
- 1896 — Anglo-German relations reach crisis over German support to Transvaal leaders.
- 1915 — Rebellion breaks out in Albania.
- 1921 — First Indian parliament meets.
- 1941 — Italian forces surrender at Bardia, Libya, in World War II.
- 1956 — Soviet Union extends technical assistance to China.
- 1961 — United States severs relations with Cuba.
- 1962 — Indonesia's President Sukarno proclaims West New Guinea an independent province.
- 1974 — Kuwait reaches agreement with Gulf Oil and British Petroleum companies for 60 per cent takeover of their operations in Gulf state.
- 1977 — Largest loan in 30-year history of International Monetary Fund — almost \$4 billion is made to Britain to bolster its currency.
- 1988 — Israel jets devastate three command centres of Palestinian commando force responsible for deadly November hang-glider attack on Israel.



# Malaysia's 'centipede man': a fatal attraction

Scorpions soaked in a mixture of Chinese herbs for 100 days produce a lotion that will cure rheumatism, cramps and backaches, says Malaysian street pedlar Chan Fook Choy. To prove that point he lets dozens of scorpions and centipedes crawl over him as he sells his folk cures to horrified onlookers in Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia.

By Lai Kwok Kin

SEREMBAN, Malaysia, (Reuters). Poisonous centipedes and scorpions are child's play to Malaysian street pedlar Chan Fook Choy.

The Centipede Man lets dozens of scorpions and centipedes crawl over him as he sells his folk cures to horrified onlookers in towns and villages across Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia.

A bite or sting can cause excruciating pain or even prove fatal but Chan, 44, claims he can hypnotize his lethal pets to prevent them from hurting him or his family.

At every stop of his bizarre roadshow, his two teen-age sons lift dozens of shiny black 10-cm (four-inch) scorpions from a glass tank and place them on his head, neck and inside his shirt.

For a few minutes, the scorpions, their tails arched back with poisonous tips ready to strike, march across his body as nonchalant-looking Chan smiles and talks to the crowds.

Then, without warning, he starts slapping the scorpions to get them to sting him before unbuttoning his shirt to show a body covered with rashes on which he applies his home-made lotion.

For customers who are still not convinced, Chan begins his next act.

From a plastic bucket he picks up six 15-cm (six-inch) centipedes and puts them on his head where they crawl for a few seconds before he stuffs the animals, which can inflict painful bites, into his mouth.

His face contorts in apparent agony before he spits them out, to the relief of the crowd who by now has shed all doubts about his scorpions lotion and centipede balm.

At six ringgit \$2.20 for a small bottle, business is brisk.

"I cannot make enough to meet demand," said the beaming Chan, looking none the worse after his performance near his home in this southern Malaysian town where he keeps some 500 scorpions and dozens of centipedes.

Chan's family help to pan-fry the scorpions to extract an oil that he said was a good antidote against bites, tetanus and even asthma.

Scorpions soaked in a mixture of Chinese herbs for 100 days produce a lotion he swears will cure rheumatism, cramps and backaches.

"Of course I was frightened when I first started. I was bitten a few times and the pain was very acute. But now I actually enjoy doing this," Chan said.

He learned his skills at the age of 10 from a Cambodian Chinese master, Tong Kam Hon, known as 'scorpion man'.

Chan refuses to divulge his secrets and would say only that he repeats a chant for three minutes before each act to hypnotize the scorpions and centipedes, rendering them harmless.

His fame has spread to Hong Kong where he has acted in two films. He has signed a contract for a third to be shot in Malaysia.

Chan made his film debut in Hong Kong as a sorcerer with scorpions and centipedes crawling over him in a 1984 film entitled 'Centipede Horror' and followed up with 'Devil Sorcery' in 1987.

For the two films, he had to bring along dozens of scorpions and centipedes inside his luggage.

Chan said that besides his master, he is the only man who has perfected the art, although he once met an Indonesian who used scorpions whose poison-



Poisonous scorpions crawl over the face of Malaysia's 'centipede man' Chan Fook Choy. Chan says he is able to hypnotize the poisonous scorpions and centipedes from inflicting harm on him.

ous stings had been removed. exchange his scorpions with public," Chan said. "He never showed up."

# Introducing... the totally automated housewife

By Marina Shamoon

IT IS an ordinary day for an average housewife. She sits in an armchair watching her favourite television soap.

Without moving from her seat she can turn on the washing machine, check that the baby is asleep and even draw the curtains.

And at the push of a button a mini picture of the outside of the house is displayed on the television screen.

This is the scene in the automated home of the future. By using a computerised home automation system, any appliance can be operated by a new infrared hand-held controller, a system developed by British electronics giant Thorn EMI.

John Ryan, senior principal research engineer at Thorn EMI, says: "So far people have only used remote control for television sets. With this new system, householders have

She can turn on the oven, check that the baby is sleeping soundly — and she doesn't even have to leave her armchair.

complete control of the house at the push of a button. It is especially useful for the elderly and the handicapped."

It is the next best thing to having a robot. To the businessman, it means portable computers can be connected to the system. And the elderly and the handicapped feel more safe in their homes.

Although the system is expected to cost up to £10,000 when it becomes available next year, the price is expected to fall to a few hundred pounds in a few years' time.

Thorn EMI has a prototype system at their research laboratories at Hayes, Mid-

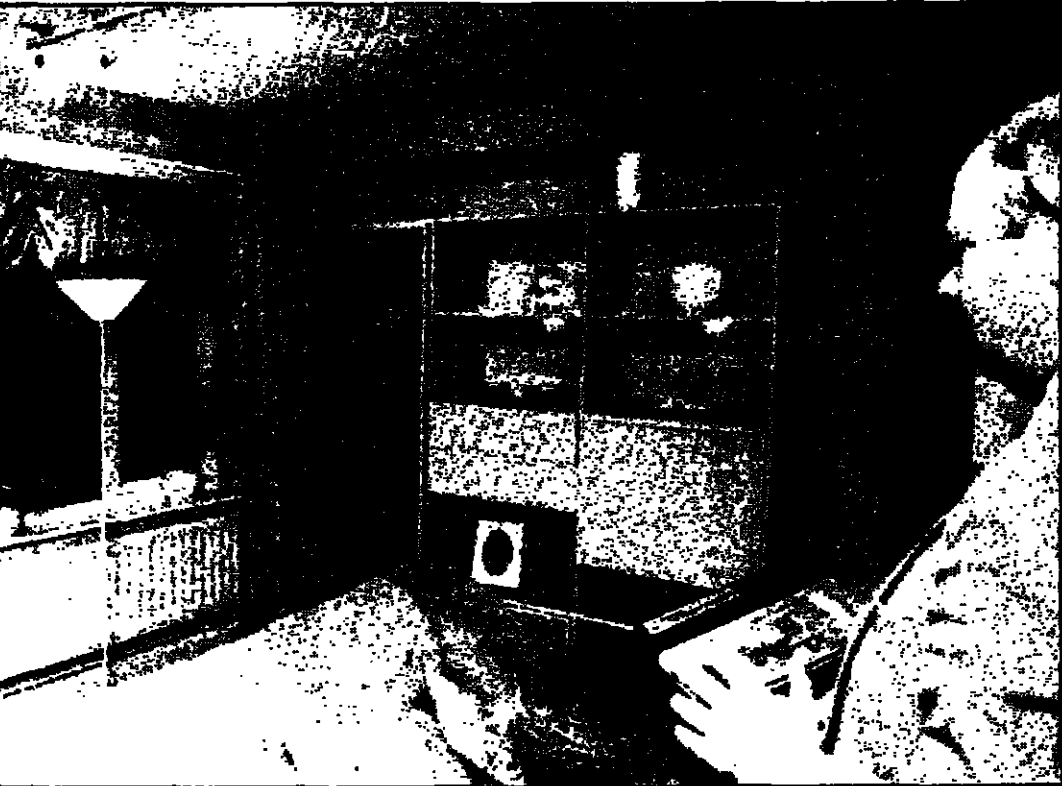
dlesex, where demonstrations are given.

For home heating the system measures the temperature and humidity. If the heating is set to come on at a certain time, on a cold day it will switch on earlier. And freezer temperature can be maintained too.

Lights can also be controlled. And in the event of a fire, the system lights up the fire escape.

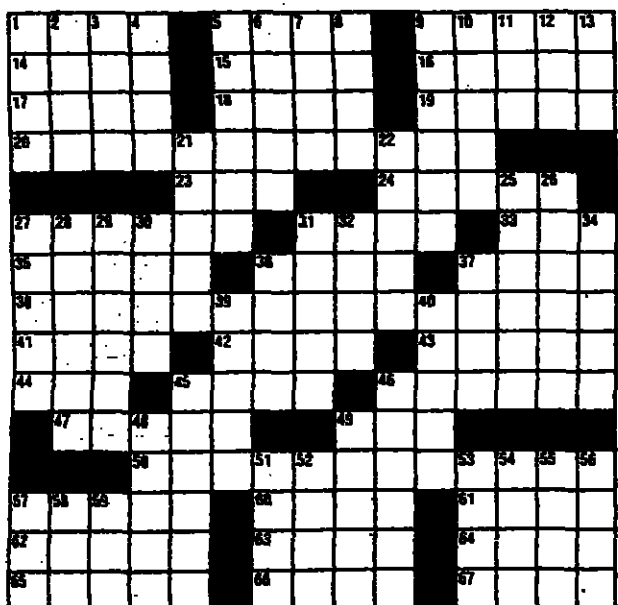
It will also switch to cheap overnight electricity — and even turn on the cooker! — and a video picture of any room in the house can be displayed on the TV screen at the push of a button to check all the rooms to make sure everything is in order. And when the doorbell rings, the front door video camera beams on to the television screen the visitor.

A woman's work is never done, goes the old saying. With this new high-tech aid she won't even have to get out of her armchair to do it!



Without moving from her seat a housewife can turn on the washing machine, check that the baby is asleep and even draw the curtains.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Tiff
  - 5 Spoken
  - 9 Desist
  - 14 Gymnast Korbut
  - 15 Art Deco master
  - 16 Ancient
  - 17 — pas (blunder)
  - 18 Cousin of etc.
  - 19 Lent a hand
  - 20 "Pilgrim at Tinker Creek" author
  - 23 Edgar —
  - 24 Employers
  - 27 Concern
  - 31 Manufactured
  - 33 Consume
  - 35 Middle section
  - 36 Prefix with god or tune
  - 37 Monopoly, for one
  - 38 Musical from Berlin
  - 41 Actress Swenson
  - 42 Pitchblende and bauxite
  - 43 Pester
  - 44 Course necessity
  - 45 Snare
  - 46 Seal
  - 47 Sink spot
  - 49 Oenologist's word
  - 50 Fictional harbor heroine
  - 57 T-shirt size
  - 60 Border on
  - 61 St. Columba's role
  - 62 Biblical mountain
  - 63 In — parents
  - 64 Four-posters
  - 65 Authority
  - 68 Openers
  - 67 Atlantic City
- DOWN
- 1 Davenport
  - 2 Scheme
  - 3 "You Can't Get a Man with —"
  - 4 Urban transport
  - 5 Farm machine
  - 6 Musical show
  - 7 Printing abbr.
  - 8 Farmer's place?
  - 9 Rough
  - 10 Onk
  - 11 Tot up
  - 12 Comprehend
  - 13 Football position
  - 21 Upper crust
  - 22 Sound system
  - 25 White House resident
  - 26 "Le Roi —"
  - 27 Anticipate
  - 28 Struck out
  - 29 Ring wearer
  - 30 Where Laos is
  - 31 Allots, with "out"
  - 32 Actress Irving et al.
  - 34 Principle
  - 36 Bruce or Laura
  - 37 Gold-medal winner
  - 38 Louganis
  - 39 Auctioneer's word
  - 40 City on the Mohawk
  - 45 — Cesare?
  - 46 Heated contests
  - 48 Map source
  - 49 Impertinent
  - 51 Pitcher's fault
  - 52 Clarinet's cousin
  - 53 Pan parts
  - 54 Word on a card
  - 55 China prefix
  - 56 Bridge position
  - 57 Draft org.
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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ETNA LOSE  
PSALM PLEA SUMP  
ECCLASIA TITIER  
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ARTISTA ENNOBLED  
LEGA RANK LEERS  
EAST LEAN  
ASSAM TRENT PET  
INTRIGUE AIRIER  
DILIGENT TOOTLE  
APIO OLES ENGASE

## GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### TAKE TEN!

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH  
♠ K 9 5  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ Void  
♣ A Q 10 7 6 5 3

EAST  
♠ Q J 4  
♥ A Q 9 6  
♦ 6 4 3  
♣ J 9 8

SOUTH  
♠ A 10  
♥ 10 8 3  
♦ A K Q J 10 7 5  
♣ K

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1 ♦ Pass  
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♦ Pass  
3 NT Pass 4 ♣ Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

We are indebted to our good friend Dr. George Rosenkranz of Mexico City for this amusing hand. It was played in Flight B of the Mexican National Pairs Championship, and highlights a point we have belabored in this column: No matter how bad your contract, try to find a lie of the cards that will permit you to bring it home.

For a brief moment North-South

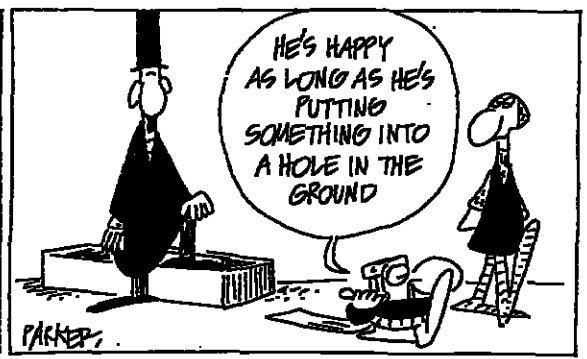
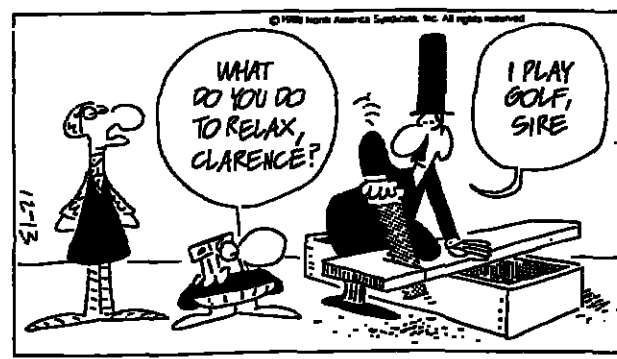
were in their only makable game—three no trump. However, South had slam ambitions and tried a cue-bid of four spades. North decided it was a natural bid, and so an "impossible" contract was reached.

Since he expected the king of hearts to be in dummy and South to be short in that suit, West decided not to attack with a heart. Instead, he chose what should have been the disastrous opening lead of a club. But aghast at where he had to play the hand, declarer bungled his way to down two.

Let's look at what could have happened had declarer kept his cool. He wins the opening lead in hand and cashes three high diamonds, discarding three hearts from dummy. When the third diamond lives, a heart ruff is the entry to the table to cash the ace of clubs. When that holds and East discards a heart on the low club continuation, declarer is virtually home. He ruffs with the ten of trumps, scores another heart ruff on the board, ruffs a club in hand with the ace of trumps and he already has nine tricks—three diamonds, two clubs, two heart ruffs in dummy and two club ruffs in hand. And the king of trumps on the table reigns supreme as the 10th trick.

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**

Mercury's better influence will help you to do the right thing. You will be able to get something off your chest. Do not be hostile to change. Be polite.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**

Today you will have to be on your best behaviour. You will be able to do something you have long wished to do. Try to dispel negative thoughts. Be cordial.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**

Mercury's better influence will help you to deal with an outstanding matter. You will be able to make good progress at work. Avoid losing your temper with a rather unpleasant person. Be sincere.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**

You will be more able to see eye to eye with a person with whom you do not normally agree. Jupiter's influence will help you to keep your emotions under better control. You should avoid eating too many sweet things. Be tactful.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**

You will be better able to get on with your daily tasks. You should not take any undue risks but you should take the initiative. Have more faith in yourself. Be moderate.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**

The good influence of Mars and Venus will help you to maintain your social status. You should pay a little more attention to how you express yourself. You will be able to help a friend. Be respectful.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**

The Moon's influence will help you to get on well with others. You must make sure you stick to speed limits and look out for bad drivers. Do not allow some small setback to upset you. Be reliable.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**

You will get an indication that you are on the right track. You will also be able to correct an error. Do not allow small matters to preponderate. Be more helpful.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**

With Mercury's better influence you will be somewhat more adventurous. However you should not take any undue risks. If you are a little more patient you will be well rewarded. Be resilient.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**

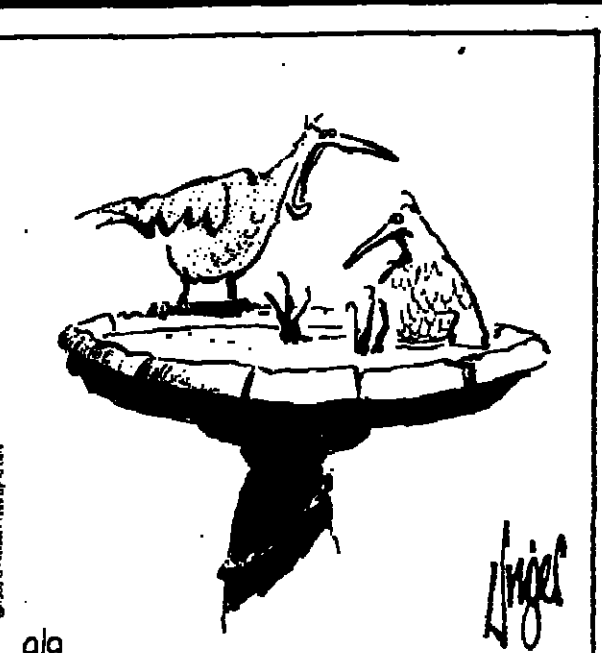
Others will try to pull the wool over your eyes. You are spending too long on trivialities. You will feel more sure of yourself. Be considerate.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**

There will be some moments of tension but you will know how to deal with them. Mercury's better influence will aid you to avoid falling into a trap. Your personal charm will help to see you through. Be more patient.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**

You will not be able to rely on your intuitions. A letter you have sent will have an unexpected result. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be fair.



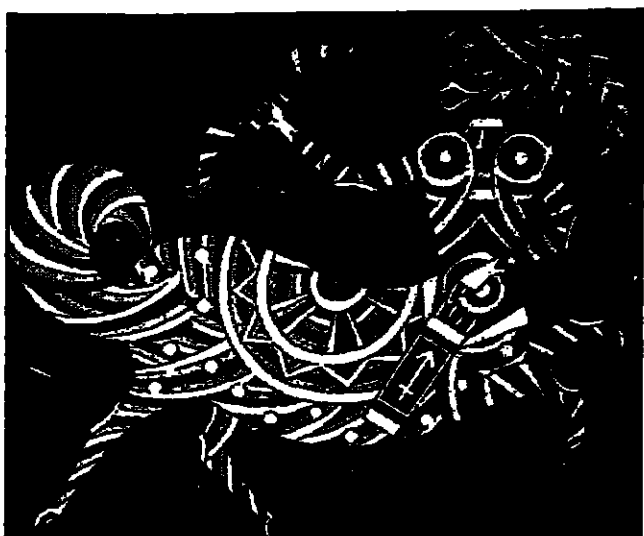
"Who d'you think wants to drink that after you've been sitting in it?"



# What is in store for you in 1989

## Sagittarius

(Nov 23 — Dec 21)



YOU now enter upon 1989 liberated from the almost intolerable and overwhelming strain of living day-to-day with the burden of Saturnian planetary principles the three Cs — constriction, claustrophobia and constraint. To make matters even worse during 1988, you also staggered on (oh, brave Sagittarius!) with the capricious planet Uranus in your sign at the same time as Saturn. This caused many an upheaval just when you'd worked very hard to get settled somewhere. It was also responsible for causing a rather paralysing sense that nothing was trustworthy or properly predictable.

Well, welcome 1989 with open arms for both Saturn and Uranus have now rolled on out of Sagittarius.

Our own inner energies, however, are what put us "in the right place at the right time" (how uncomfortable it can feel!) to undergo particular planetary phases.

So, before we look at what awaits you this year (rest assured it's a whole lot nicer than last) let's just glance at the undoubted benefits Saturn and Uranus did bring to you — and let's remember that it was the power of your own unconscious which really decided to bring you these benefits at this point in your life. (Remember astrology doesn't rule you — planets don't actually tug you by the arm and force you to do something — planetary cycles are like the hands of a clock pointing to "tea-time" when we are ready to relax and see friends, or "alarm call" when it's all hands on deck to coincide with an inner emergency, and so on.)

So after your unbelievable hard work of the last two years, you are now several rungs up the ladder. Your sense of responsibility, your ability to handle quite shocking workloads, your good humour and effectiveness under stress, these attributes have certainly not gone unnoticed by those who are in a position to promote you further.

This phase has been a maturing process, and you are more a grown-up now than those of us who have not gone through this maturing planetary phase.

You have an inbuilt ability now to cope on your own when and if you have to do so. Never again will you need rescuing to the extent you may have in the past. Now you can say to others, "Forget it", and mean it if the cavalry doesn't gallop to your aid. You're a whole cavalry regiment on your very own.

### Lucky stars

This year, the main and major news is that Jupiter the luck bringer spends the entire twelve months to come beaming good things to you across your zodiacal map. (This in fact was true last year also, but you still had Saturn and Uranus to contend with, offsetting your luck.)

Jupiter begins this year — January, February and early March — in your zodiacal area of everyday work and routine, helping repair the damage done to your peace and security over the last two years. There will be plenty of pleasant little happenings taking place at work (very often the little surprises are the most heating, especially when there are lots of them all adding up to a giant happiness) and you can even expect flowers on your desk, supportive memos and congratulations on your performance, and pleasant times ahead with work colleagues.

### Free enterprise

Mid-March onwards, through an April full of good news, a very romantic and inspiring May, a refreshing June and energetic, busy July, you'll experience the benefic Jupiter in your zodiacal area of partnerships.

What this means could be at opposite ends of the pole. For some of you, this will mean marriage. For some it may bring divorce or separation. For Jupiter brings freedom. If you do team up with someone special under this auspice, the relationship itself will be one of freedom and adventurous optimism. You and the other person tend to trust each other's basic goodwill more than is usual in relationships; perhaps more than in any intimate relationship you have enjoyed in the past.

There is just one big thing to remember with Jupiter. This planet signals over-confidence as well as amiability and general bonhomie. So be sure your partner feels the same way about freedom as you do. Play fair during this phase — or when this Jupiter joyfulness is over and greyer phases return, it may turn out that your partner really wasn't that keen on an open relationship or being left at home while you swanned off to the races or whatever.

### Money, Money, Money

Jupiter's next hotspot, from August 1st on through late summer, all autumn and winter through to Christmas and beyond, is in your area of money.

This will be a curious phase for Sagittarians in which on one hand you are offered abundant hot tips, insider dealer-type news, fascinating gossip you could turn to your own advantage, lucrative opportunities.

On the other hand, you receive important signals to stay thrifty. Delay jumping straight into the deep end until you really do see which way the land lies, and you would be well advised to decline to take risks in general.

In August itself, the stress that accompanies the temptations speaks for itself — for with Venus, Mercury, Mars and the Sun in book-keeping, accounts-filling Virgo, you'll be getting news from bank manager and creditors alike which temporarily sets you back or may even (surprise, surprise) depress you.

To most other zodiac sign natives, one would say "Don't even contemplate recouping your losses by going deeper into debt now. Don't fall for a business investment that could turn out to be a con." But Sagittarius — well, you see, the happy-go-lucky Jupiter is your Ruler, your god-father as it were, of whose qualities you partake. Sometimes your instinct to take that risk is sounder than other signs' instinct to lie low and keep the money firmly sewn into the mattress. At the very least, however, at this time in August and in early September, do look before you leap. Do ask yourself if it is gold that is held out towards you which is glittering so brightly? And even if it is, is it worth the current price?

A happier, easier late September and October mean a change for the better in your fortunes anyway, if you can just hold your horses and wait it out till then. October sees emphasis on romance again. In fact, reading the planets for your October, one has to put on dark glasses — so sparky is the array of delights on offer.

Early November does look a little bleak, but then November and December blaze up in Sagittarian conviviality. Party-time ends the year and sees you on into an important and cheerful January 1990.

## Capricorn

(Dec 22 — Jan 20)



LET'S get one thing clear, 1989 will be a much better year for you than 1988. How do you find yourself placed now, as you begin a new year? What did 1988 do to Capricorn, how have you been left at its end, what are you feeling?

The softer-edged you is a response to the continued presence of the planet Neptune in your sign. The person you perceived yourself to be as you began 1985 was not quite this mellow creature you have now become; and you have since been through an odd fearful phase when you seemed to be "slipping" in your grasp on how to deal with crises.

The old you could nip a crisis in the bud. But in the last years, you have noticed a tendency to panic, almost to "let go". This effect has been marked if you are an early Capricorn, born between December 22nd and 31st.

Now, however, 1989 sees your own ruling planet, Saturn, move firmly (Saturn does everything firmly) into Capricorn. The sign and the planet have a great affinity. At last everything will tighten up around you. This frightens many people, but certainly not a Capricorn.

Neptune remaining in your sign will also go on casting its gentle haze, as of wood-smoke. You will experience the urge to "save" someone, to "rescue" people.

Obviously you must remember to call on your own native common sense. Check with yourself: is this person who needs "rescuing" genuinely in trouble in some area, or simply sending out signals of uselessness in order to survive without having to bother working at it as most of us have to do?

### The lovers

Lovers are attracted to this year and may well be characterised by this fey quality. And you may gain so much joy and relaxation from their company that the normal rules of give and take are now irrelevant.

Even so, watch for a creeping insidious effect of you giving, them taking. As soon as you are in further than you feel is comfortable for you, set a limit even if you do so silently, for the sake of continuing goodwill.

You will have less time to spare than recently. When Neptune first floated into your life, you resented the great tracts of "empty" time it brought you. Now you are used to these, you have learned to meditate and to feel the minute effects of time of day, seasons, the light and the weather.

### A sense of rhythm

You feel more in tune than ever with the rhythms of a day or

## Aquarius

(Jan 21 — Feb 19)



DURING 1988, you were forced by circumstances to work hard on your friendships. This is an area that greatly interests you anyway. You are such a naturally democratic person.

You feel that the proper study of man is man. You really are a reformer; Charles Dickens was Aquarian, and that sums up the feeling you have in your very bones for the great surge of humanity.

It is you who treat the duchess and the dustman absolutely alike, although your nearest and dearest sometimes feel that they are no more special to you, however intimate they expect you to become. So this work on friendships came naturally to you — or did it?

You probably joined some group, club or organisation. At the time you felt it promised a way through to reaching a greater understanding with your fellow man.

During last year, you probably fought hard on a neighbourhood issue. You may have struggled on — increasingly disappointed by others' evident self-interest and blatant ego — in what you thought could work out successfully, but only if everybody pulled together on the more common issues.

Meanwhile, in your career (and let's face it, you are no modest violet here, and you certainly value your proper place on the ladder of ambition) you found yourself up against a formidable rival. Someone who seemed out to get you personally. Someone whose sheer naked interest in power for its own sake quite nauseated you.

By the end of 1988 you found yourself in a winning position. You struggled all year simply to make your point. And, by December '88, the point was clear.

### Out with the old

You begin 1989 now with the heat off the friendships/groups sector. You and your neighbours, or your local politicians, or the friends you nearly had to say goodbye to, have come to a new balance, and reached a proper understanding which suits all of you.

As for the career/rival struggle, there can now be far more of the live-and-let-live theory in the atmosphere at work. This fresh and pleasant environment will improve even more by Autumn 1989.

In January, February, early March, you can consolidate the whole process of gain connected with your home base.

Your landlord — believe it or not — positively forces a cash settlement upon you, on which you can hold out for the best possible terms. Or you end up buying and selling property at a

year. But Saturn, now in Capricorn, will alas, eat up your hours. Saturn will insist on structuring your time again. If you value certain regular moments that you feel you must have to yourself alone, you must say so clearly and firmly, to yourself and to other people at the outset of this year.

Stipulate in any contract you sign, and in any business arrangement you make in 1989, how you must have final control of your own time. Of course you can work harder and longer than most people can, but the quality of life that Neptune has taught you to appreciate must not disappear.

You must not revert to being a slave of time. If for instance you marry or set up home with another person this year, start as you wish to go on. Do not arrange to do the other person's ironing or washing-up, and be quite clear not to let them assume you never want time to read a book or see friends alone.

This year will see you carrying new responsibility. This is quite different from the unnecessary "carrying" of another person that Neptune will try to prompt you into. It will be part of your task to differentiate between the two.

The genuine responsibility will later bring you fresh recognition, status and a welcome into the broader world of other people who also shoulder such involvement.

January, February and early March see the luck-bringer Jupiter move into your area of love, romance, make-believe (that's in the nicest sense, as in show business) and "let's pretend" and there may also be a happy surprise in store concerning children.

From April until August, Jupiter is in your office, at your desk, alongside you at your workbench or just quite literally wherever it is you work. Watch then for the happy effect of agreeable, amusing colleagues who talk a lot (Jupiter will be in Gemini, a very verbal sign and watch then also how work fun spills over into becoming social fun).

It's guaranteed your actual place of work will then also look pretty, proliferate with postcards and flowers which arrive from friends you've met through work. The boss may decide to bring in the interior decorator. Or you may be asked to travel more in your work.

### The partnership

With August, the major luck bringer moves up into your area of partnerships and "true love." This is a different matter, more serious, than the simple romance, beer and skittles effect of the springtime period.

If you are already in a long-term partnership, this is the time when you can see your partner receiving largesse, a legacy or pay rise, goodies in general. This will in some way benefit your home base.

Your astrologer hesitates to say that your partner will actually receive a home, be left a rose-covered cottage, or be taken on as a National Trust caretaker in a stately lodge. That can't happen to all of you, can it? Yet in some way your partner's homeset-up will be vastly improved later on this year. We'll just have to wait and see what happens.

For some of you, there will be a Jupiter effect that is unwelcome in a partnership. Jupiter expands what it touches, and your beloved may simply become a bit big for their boots. This could be in a literal sense, so keep an eye on the pies and pastries, and the booze or it could be that this dear person you know so well suddenly gets too full of himself, over-confident, pressing forward with bright ideas which you must be cautious about backing.

Remember, Neptune is still around trying to separate you from your resources in the most sly, sneaky manner.

So be aware of the possibility here, that a partner's enthusiasm could turn out to benefit them, but deplete you.

You end the year with a strange re-play of an intimate relationship problem that already puzzled you in August. It's as though you're getting a second chance to understand it in depth. The lovely thing is, it will be packaged as fun and will appear in wild, ebullient, zany guise, perhaps as a new adventure which just happens to incorporate the old conundrum.

profit. Or you are simply, wonderfully happy in the comfort of your own hearth.

Anyway, this is certainly your time of benefit on the home front. It's up to you to try not to let it pass by unnoticed just because you are suffering no immediate pain in this area. Look at how it can be built upon for security and continuing well-being.

As Jupiter the optimist is involved, however, do not rashly over-extend and take great care not to burn bridges behind you. April through to August! Oh, you lucky Aquarians. Love, love and yet more love. On a romantic level, perhaps not a love at its most lasting or profound, but how refreshing it will be nevertheless.

August to the end of 1989: Jupiter the luck-bringer is in your place of work. This will combine mightily with the coalition of Saturn and Pluto on your side, battling on your team to bring you exciting new developments here.

Saturn and Uranus will be working behind the career scenes to force benefits and changes (ie. Uranus always makes for surprise), not all necessarily welcome either, for instance September and October 1989 may be productive of a quite unwelcome career surprise.

### Good times ahead

On the whole, though, the year sees a nice emphasis on the behind-the-scenes build-up of your career, where authority figures and people with power to influence them will be discussing you and ultimately effecting long-term changes in your career.

Your ears will be burning a great deal in 1989 and whatever your own opinion of your capabilities, you can mostly rest assured that whatever is said about you will turn out in the end to be good for you.

The only exception to this may be, alas, if you exhibited some form of unnecessary jealousy of a colleague's advancement in 1988. Whether or not this person was the deliberate rival previously noted, Pluto the planet of "Do as you would be done by" may now arrange that you in turn find yourself on the receiving end of envy or jealousy.

These planetary principles seem to be workings-out of the psychological cause and effect which exist within ourselves: ultimately, we don't really let ourselves get away with anything too much.

There is rather a secret, waiting-in-the-wings quality in 1989 for you. The three heavies (Saturn, Uranus and Neptune) are now nudging you but only from behind, as it were.

It is just possible that you will find yourself employed in some enclosed situation, working for society's flotsam and jetsam, in a big institution — if this is the case you will find you can effect some useful changes here — or even in a hospital environment.

If you do find yourself in such a situation, and if you find you are hating it or feel rather like the only woman on the island, then remember to take advantage of Jupiter the great benefic's positions in your 1989 map.

### Breakout

A focus on romance, on children or on the simple comforts of a home environment will help you to transform any "imprisoning" or "forgotten" feelings you may find yourself suffering from in pet projects.

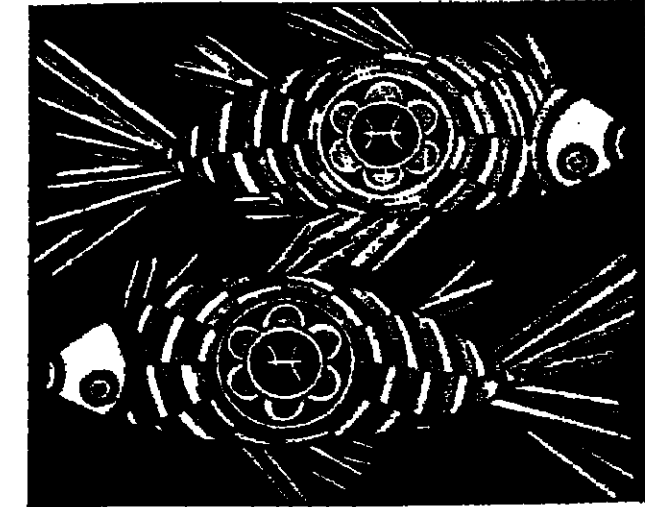
Wherever you are, you are still an Aquarian! Another probability in September 1989 is that you will be abroad and may be finding it more stressful than you expected, yet also pleasantly enough much attracted, by an intriguing stranger who is interested in you.

In stressful or blocking situations, which may well entrap you this autumn, your unique Aquarian ability to identify injustice, and to push to get it put right, will tell in your favour. You have been extra creative in 1988, and this quality in you will go on from strength to fulfillment in the summer of 1989.

This creativity, this talent, will emerge most of all in an atmosphere of success or triumph which is due for you in December. Venus and Mars then take you on and up through a lovely glittering finale to 1989 and on into a thrilling start to the next decade ....

## Pisces

(Feb 20 — Mar 20)



YOUR vocation is no longer tormenting you with images of what might have been, what should be, what isn't... and what is.

Pluto, currently your ally in '88 and now in '89, is moving nearer and nearer to the very pinnacle of your chart.

Soon you will see important and influential mentors entering your milieu.

They are not there yet though — unless you are an unusually lucky Piscean — offering you the chance to do the things you've so longed to busy yourself with.

But in 1989, they are getting to know you. They are getting accustomed to you, beginning to see your potential without your having to show off or wear any big labels (tiring stuff, for a Piscean, showing off.)

### A battle's over

Meanwhile, you must simply find the time to recover your own equilibrium.

A Piscean has a great sense of naturally well-being, a sense of the essential rightness and mercy of the everyday world (in spite of having an equal sensitivity to its tribulations.)

However, two-and-a-half years of almost unremitting stress from Saturn at the top of your chart (where your hopes and ideals and your need to help others are located) has pretty much done you in.

You hardly recognise yourself. Where is that lovely Piscean person you used to know?

Where is that Piscean who woke most mornings to a belief that the rose was on the thorn and all would be right with the world?

Increasingly, it has seemed that the thorn was on the rose, and that's that.

Saturn at last is off the boil, however. And that means that your task now is to treat yourself rather like a convalescent.

You begin 1989 with a bonus, anyway.

Jupiter is in Taurus till mid-March. This means you are moving around, completely in tune with your immediate surroundings, friendly with your neighbours, happy with your transport, learning with ease subjects that once eluded you, lurching with siblings who, for a change, are refraining from quarrelling....

### Weekend for love

Invitations to long weekends away, now sow seeds for romance due to start blossoming from late June onwards.

A fellow guest you don't think much of now, may look totally wonderful to you later in the year, or you look quite a transformed kettle of fish to them, or they turn out to have a marvellous brother....

From April through to August, Jupiter starts to draw your attention to your home base.

There is a great deal of dialogue then on this subject. You consider a move, probably you make a move. Or in some way your home and hearth are improved, expanded, or ultimately become more valuable to you.

You are very likely to be signing a contract then, and if one is not mentioned by others around you, do consider suggesting it yourself.

Others are in the mood to embark on ebullient enterprises with you, so if you want to make sure they can't pull away again at their whim, get their signature down on the dotted line while they are still keen on the idea.

On the other hand, there is an air of freedom blowing, and you may be the one to ensure you do not get locked into an arrangement you'll want to leave on your terms.

You begin the year almost immediately able to consolidate, for Venus on 11th January 1989 moves into Capricorn and you have the comfort then of choosing where you want to place a friendship, high up or a little more to the side on your list of priorities.

Whatever place you designate it, this important and nurturing relationship can sit there and wait, just getting better all the time even if you don't yet have much time to lavish on it.

This person seems to be an adviser or parent figure, and in fact if there has recently been estrangement or simply anxiety over a parent, this time signifies a sorting out of that situation and a lessening of tension.

By March, Venus is in your own sign, just where this refreshing and soothing planet should be in your month, when the Sun too is in Pisces and bringing Piscean concerns and projects to the forefront for all other signs also.

April is a particularly excellent month for you financially, with (wait for the line-up!) Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter all in position to do their best for you.

Mars' position makes it a less soothing month than March, however, and even if you are not exactly irritable, you may encounter some form of nervous aggression from others of the 'bark worse than bite' kind.

### Changing gift horses

It must also be admitted that the benefits Jupiter now undoubtedly brings you are not perhaps exactly what you want. Some of the surface aggravation of the month may be due to your wish to swap goodies or opportunities you've been given, and failing to make the switch-over to your satisfaction.

You are in pocket but not perhaps in temper. May, with subtle shifts of emphasis, partakes of the same problem, ie. you are receiving accolades, opportunities, offers and/or material gifts, but either these things strike you as ephemeral and privately you mutter "Promises, promises" to yourself; or you find them too scattered, without a common linking thread to make sense to you in your life as you live it day by day.

June and July both see an improvement and at last there is real cohesion around you.

You are automatically feeling better now. A glance at your appointments diary makes much more sense to you, as you can see the underlying pattern in what is happening.

August is a reassuring and happy time, with Jupiter in your area of harmony and expansion at work, but it is challenging as regards dialogue.

If you are in love now — which may well be the case — you are still pushed to justify your own feelings and perspective on this intimate matter.

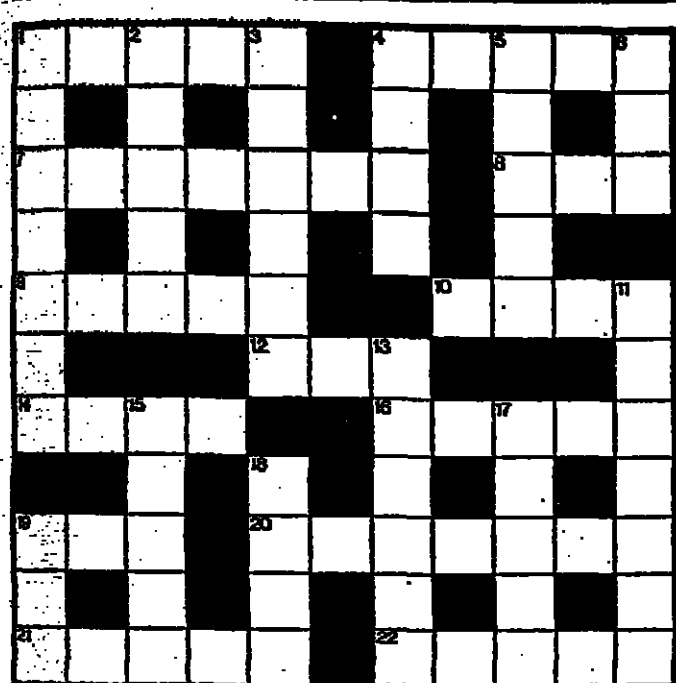
August (and to a lesser extent September) could bring quite an upheaval into your life, love-wise, and you could spend these two months of 1989 in rather a dizzied state.

By October the die may be cast. Some choice will have had to be made, some important decision reached.

November and December are once again calmer months, more like the atmosphere in July. Then you will be able to stand back and perceive clearly and at a glance what your year stood for and what you achieved in terms of seeds sown, moves substantiated, and emotions deepened.



CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Trench for draining water (5)
- 4 Provide food and drink (5)
- 7 Wanderer in search of prey (7)
- 8 At this time (3)
- 9 Having natural suppleness (5)
- 10 Complement of a ship (4)
- 12 Round, open-topped container (3)
- 14 Decorative wall-skirting (4)
- 16 Performer in plays and films (5)
- 19 Cask for wine or beer (3)
- 20 Wharf post for securing ropes (7)
- 21 Made a selection (5)
- 22 Large fish of the mackerel family (5)

Down

- 1 Marked with spots (7)
- 2 Freshwater fish much angled for (5)
- 3 Protective head covering (6)
- 4 Abrupt, almost rude (4)
- 5 Male voice between bass and alto (5)
- 6 In an uncooked state (3)
- 11 Devoted to the temporal life (7)
- 13 Entertainment of music and dancing (6)
- 15 Australian wild animal (5)
- 17 String of railway carriages (5)
- 18 Treble wood-wind instrument (4)
- 19 Involuntary muscle spasm (3)

Solution on Thursday

# Uncle Albert and the runaway horse

By Pauline Brehony

ONCE there lived a tiny man who was as light as a feather. His name was Great-uncle Albert — Uncle Albert for short — and he lived in Miles Platting.

The narrow streets were cobbled then, and if you didn't fancy walking into town, you could take a horse-bus or, if you were well-off, a horse and cab.

Now Uncle Albert, light as a feather, looked after the horses of a man who hired out cabs. As a groom, he was excellent, ensuring that the horses were clean, neat and trim; healthy and happy too. For, apart from grooming them and seeing to their meals, he found time in his busy life to talk to them, even to sing.

But one Monday morning when the wind was howling down the narrow streets, Uncle Albert's boss strode into the stable to tell him that his cab-driver was poorly, so would he take Dr Chumley, the local doctor, on his rounds.

"Good gracious me, no!" Uncle Albert cried. "I can't handle a horse-cab!" But since there was no one else who could either, Uncle Albert was told that he must, and that was that!

Rub-a-dub-dub, sang the women of Blossom Street that Monday morning, as they scrubbed their washing on their rubbing boards. And run-a-dub-dub sang the women of Paradise Street as they twirled their peggies in their dolly tubs. A dolly-tub? A tub for washing not for bathing dollies in! A peggy? Well, somewhere, sometime a clever person had thought how sensible it would be to attach a milking-stool to a broom-handle and tiddle it to and fro among the dirty washing, and these were called peggies.

Uncle Albert harnessed Sam, the big grey horse, to the cab. And now Dr Chumley, little black bag and all, came panting into the stable, followed by his tall, grim-looking wife, who insisted on accompanying him on his rounds, and who, Uncle Albert felt quite

sure, was descended from a Welsh witch, so sharp and long her nose, so fearsome her expression. It wasn't long before Sam was trotting happily down the cobbled streets, pausing here and there, so that Dr Chumley could alight and attend to his patients.

The first half of the important journey went very well, with Sam behaving perfectly, just like a pupil on the first day of school. But after while it was as though Sam knew his driver was a novice and decided now was the time to have an adventure... a romp... as he used to when he was small, in the fresh green fields.

With a twinkle in his eye, he suddenly bolted, and nothing poor Uncle Albert could do could stop him! Clitter-clatter down the cobbled streets he went, paying no heed to his little driver. Indeed, whenever Uncle Albert tugged on the reins, he was lifted clean off the driver's seat!

Nor did Sam take a scrap of notice of Dr Chumley. Or of his cross, self-

important wife!

On and on, hither and thither, his hoofs going clackety-clackety-clack, Sam the cab-horse galloped, scattering people right and left. And though many tried to halt him, Sam just wouldn't.

Now in those far-off times, some backyards were so small, that there wasn't room to swing a cat, never mind hang up a line or two of washing, and so, every Monday, the clever women of Miles Platting used to peg-out their washing right across the narrow streets.

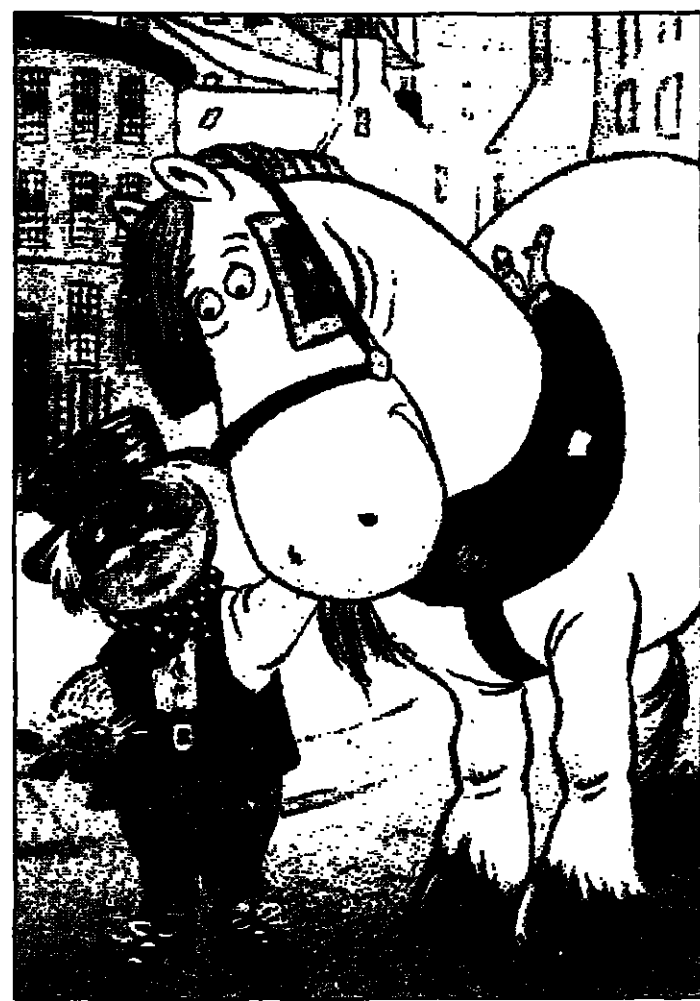
It wasn't at all strange therefore that Sam, having galloped happily down many washing-less streets, should suddenly career into one which was festooned with shirts, petticoats, fluttering dresses and ballooning knickerbockers, much to the delight of the children who had been playing in the street, and the annoyance of their hard-working mothers.

Soon Dr Chumley's little black bag, which was on his knees, was completely hidden by a heap of babies' nappies, while Mrs Chumley's best hat, decorated with a canary and a bunch of very real-looking cherries, was concealed under a very large pair of lacy bloomers!

As for poor Uncle Albert, he couldn't be seen at all, for he was completely covered over with a big white sheet!

Women came running out of their houses, yelling at Uncle Albert and raising their fists, saying that he had ruined their weekly wash. But the children were laughing so much that soon their mothers joined in, and all of Paradise Street rocked with laughter.

And soon Dr Chumley began to chuckle, and soon to laugh when he saw, first of all, Uncle Albert battling with the sheet like a bull in-



side a tent, and then his own wife decorated so impolitely with the lacy bloomers!

"Whoah!" cried Uncle Albert from under the sheet for the sixth time.

And, at last, Sam the cab-horse obliged... and halted. And when the women of Paradise Street had salvaged their washing, and the lines had been hauled in, and a very fat lady's pink bloomers reclaimed, Uncle Albert leapt from the cab, light as plume of thistledown, went up to Sam and whispered something in his ear.

What he said, no one will ever know. But Sam nickered at Uncle Albert, as though to say: "Well! it was only a bit of fun!" But when Uncle Albert had clambered back on to the driver's seat, Sam set off down Paradise Street, as mildly as a lamb, and continued the doctor's

rounds, as good as gold!

At the end of the journey, Dr Chumley patted Sam the cab-horse, then shook Uncle Albert firmly by the hand.

"The best laugh I've had in years!" he said, and trotted away with his little black bag and his six foot wife.

When Uncle Albert uncured his hand, he had a wonderful surprise! There was a golden sovereign, bright as the sun which had just appeared from behind a cloud. So Uncle Albert smiled at Sam and, after leading him into the stable, unharnessed him, groomed and fed him, stroked him, patted him and sang a little song. And when he had locked the stable door, he went whistling merrily homewards, feeling like a millionaire.

And though some stories supposed to be true are not this one is.

## Did you know?

In Florida, USA, the rattlesnake is served as an hors d'oeuvres.

Enid Blyton wrote a total of 600 children's stories.

Cockroaches are commonly called 'black beetles', but they are not black and it is not a beetle.

Jean-Paul Sartre, French novelist, taught himself to read and write.

An English firm made a jigsaw puzzle for an American consisting of 10,400 pieces, and measuring 4.6 metres x 3 metres.

Beetles outnumber any other living creatures on earth.

There are 3,700 species found in Britain alone.

In the Second World War 22.2 per cent of the population of Poland was killed.

The manufacturers of 'Monopoly' print more 'money' than the whole of the United States Treasury.

Children of the Nanay tribe in Siberia live long distances from school and travel there by skis pulled by dogs.

A citizen of Spanish Fork, Utah, has lived in the house in which he was born, for 90 years.

Marbles were introduced into Britain by the Romans in the first century A.D.

Approximately 21,500 species of insects are found in England.

Cannon-balls were used in the Royal Navy until they were repalced by shell in 1837.

Saudi Arabia covers an area of 830,000 square miles, yet there is not a single river in the whole country.

Humming birds can beat their wings 90 times a second.

Insects are eaten as food in many parts of the world, the favourites being grasshoppers, beetles, crickets, locusts, termites, and ants.

The oil in which sardines are packed is more expensive by volume than the fish themselves.

The earliest blood transfusions used animals' blood.

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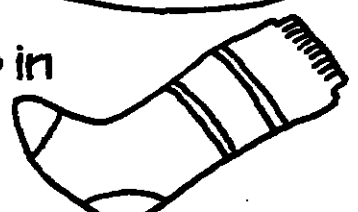
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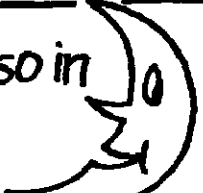
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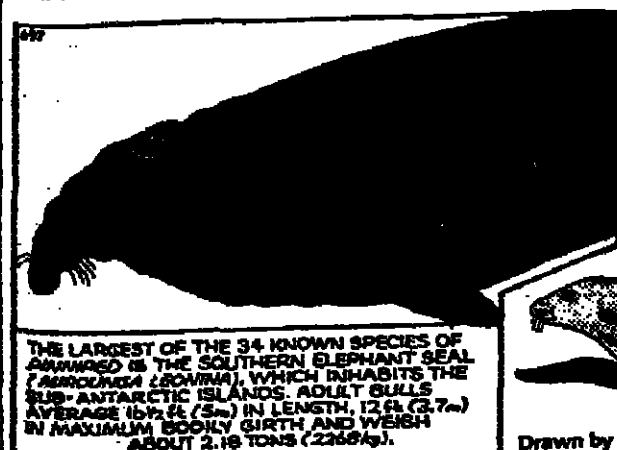


Find the six letters that spell the mystery word.

## ON GUARD!



## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE LARGEST OF THE 34 KNOWN SPECIES OF WHALES IS THE BLUE WHALE (BAEALICETUS MUSCULUS), WHICH INHABITS THE SUB-ANTARCTIC OCEAN. ADULT MALES AVERAGE 100 FT (30.5 M) IN LENGTH, 12 FT (3.7 M) IN MAXIMUM BODY GIRTH AND WEIGH ABOUT 2.18 TONS (2368 kg).

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE LAST RELIABLE SIGHTING OF THE CARIBBEAN MONK SEAL (MONACHEUS MONACHUS) WAS OFF THE COAST OF MEXICO'S YUCATAN PENINSULA IN 1952. ALL VARIETIES OF MONK SEAL BEING EXTREMELY RARE.

THE MOST ABUNDANT SPECIES IS THE CRABEATER SEAL (LOBODON CRABEATER) OF ANTARCTICA. AT THE LAST COUNT (1978) THE TOTAL POPULATION WAS BELIEVED TO BE NEARLY 15,000,000.



I came here to get away from the crowds!

THE COMMON DONKEY (EQUUS ASINUS) STANDS ON AVERAGE ABOUT 10 HANDS (1 HAND=4 IN). THE LARGEST DONKEY EVER RECORDED WAS AN OUTSIDED JENNET CALLED DINAH, WHO REPORTEDLY STOOD A GIGGOL 21 HANDS! SHE WAS EXHIBITED AT GLASGOW HIPPODROME IN 1902.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

THE LOWEST PRICE EVER PAID FOR LIVESTOCK WAS AT A SALE AT KURUMAN, CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA IN 1934 WHEN DONKEYS WERE SOLD FOR LESS THAN 2p EACH.

THE WORLD'S OLDEST KNOWN DONKEY IS A JENNET NAMED SARAH WHO IS AGED 62 AND LIVES, ALONG WITH OVER 700 OTHER DONKEYS, IN THE SANCTUARY AT WORKLEY, SURREY RUN BY MRS KAY LOCKWOOD.





# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Philippine economy growing but agriculture still lags

MANILA, Jan 2. (AP): The Philippine economy grew by 6.69 per cent in 1988 but showed only modest gains in agriculture, the sector most Filipinos depend on for their livelihood, the government said yesterday.

In a year-end report, the National Economic Development Authority said the growth rate surpassed the 5.90 per cent increase of 1987, which followed years of recession under ousted President Ferdinand Marcos. The authority said the Gross National Product amounted to 101.1 billion pesos (\$5.05 billion) this year, compared with 94.7 billion pesos (\$4.73 billion) in 1987.

**Expansion**  
"Expansion in all major economic sectors was experienced at a much faster rate, surpassing last year's performance," the report said.

The report said the industrial sector registered the strongest gain — 8.9 per cent — while services increased 7.06 per cent. But the agriculture, fishery and forestry sectors recorded a modest increase of 3.42 per cent. Most of the gains were due to increased timber harvesting, the report said.

About 70 per cent of the country's nearly 59 million people rely on agriculture for their livelihood. The government has cited economic growth as a major accomplishment of President Corason Aquino's administration, which took power after Marcos was ousted in a popular revolt in 1986.

Critics acknowledge the healthier economic signs but claim millions of ordinary Filipinos have not benefited from the business revival.

**Population**  
Also on Thursday, the government released figures showing the Philippine population grew by 2.38 per cent in 1988 and stands at nearly 59 million.

A year-end report by the National Statistical Co-ordination Board estimated the country's population at 58.72 million, up from 57.36 million at the end of 1987 and 56 million in 1986. The population growth rate eased slightly during the past year, the report said. The growth rate of 2.38 per cent in 1988 was just below the 2.41 per cent registered in 1987, it added.

## Indonesia fixes new price for oil sales to Japan

JAKARTA, Jan 2. (OPECNA): The price of Indonesia's prime crude Minas for delivery to Japanese customers in January has been fixed at \$15 a barrel following negotiations between the importers and Pertamina, the Indonesian state oil company.

"This is one positive effect of the agreement reached by OPEC in November at Vienna," Minister of Mines and Energy Ginandjar Kartasasmita told the press. He said the Japanese price of Indonesian crude would be fixed month to month until March, thereafter he expected a formula acceptable to both sides to have been worked out.

Indonesia is exporting 400,000 B/D to Japan, about 13 per cent of the country's total oil needs. Ginandjar was hopeful that oil prices would improve in 1989 and would be "much better than in 1988."

He said: "If all OPEC members obey the decision reached at the 84th meeting of the organisation in Vienna (fixing the overall ceiling at 18.50 million B/D), and the non-OPEC countries are willing to co-operate, I am sure the average price of \$16 will not be difficult to achieve."

## Algerian leader pledges economic reforms

ALGIERS, Jan 2. (OPECNA): The re-elected Algerian President, Chadli Benjedid, has pledged to carry out political and economic reforms in accordance with the wishes of the people.

He said, in a nation-wide address today shortly after his inauguration to a third presidential term, that a general reorganisation would be effected "to permit all the national forces to contribute to the development of the country and to express their points of view."

**Efforts**  
He further implored Algerians to exert efforts to overcome economic and financial difficulties in order to brighten future national prospects.

The 59-year-old president has been in the political limelight since the colonial period when he fought in the resistance movement against the French.

## Moscow bans export of caviar and other goods

## Soviet oil output slumps in third quarter of '88

LONDON, Jan 2. (Agencies): Soviet oil output slumped between July and September in 1988 casting doubt on whether last year's national oil production target could have been reached, a London-based oil industry consultant said today.

Petroleum Economics Ltd said in its quarterly bulletin "Soviet energy developments" that the reasons for the fall in the third quarter were unclear.

"It does seem that Soviet oil output fell by over 100,000 barrels per day (BPD) during the third quarter, showing the first year-on-year decrease for about three years," it said.

**Target**  
In the 18 months to mid-1988, Soviet oil output had been running slightly above target.

"It is doubtful whether this year's (1988) target level of just under 12.6 million BPD can be achieved, unless output has rebounded during the fourth quarter," the bulletin said.

It said there had been reports that oil output from Siberia was hit by oilfield equipment shortages. It was also possible that ethnic unrest has affected output

from the oil-producing area of Azerbaijan, it added.

Official Soviet oil production statistics have not been published since August. The August data showed a fall to some 12.3 million BPD, the lowest level since April 1986 and about 500,000 BPD below the May 1987 peak, the report said.

"Although there are indications that output recovered slightly in September to about 12.5 million BPD (the same as in June), it was still about two per cent below a year earlier. As a result the third quarter average was over one per cent lower than during the third quarter of 1987," the report said.

There have also been problems in other areas in the energy sector. "There is no doubt that the installation of new electricity generating capacity has fallen well behind plan — it is now possible to identify up to 20,000 megawatts of nuclear capacity which has been shut down or cancelled" in the aftermath of the accident at the Chernobyl power station, the report said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union

soon will ban the export of consumer goods ranging from caviar to children's shoes and will limit travellers to about \$140 worth of souvenirs, the official news agency Tass said yesterday.

The radical changes in export and customs regulations evidently are aimed at remedying an extreme shortage of consumer goods in the Soviet Union and assuaging citizens angry over the scarcity of such basic items as soap and windshield wipers.

Tass said the restrictions approved by the Council of Ministers will take effect on Feb 1 and last until the end of 1990. It did not give a date for the decision.

**Exports**  
The brief announcement limiting exports of consumer goods to 100 rubles per person, or about \$140 at the current exchange rate, specifically included tourists.

But it did not explain the effect of the ruling on the Soviet Union's attempts to earn scarce hard currency by selling the best caviar, fur hats and coats, vodka and souvenirs in stores that require dollars, pounds or other freely convertible money.

Tass said it will be forbidden to

export televisions, refrigerators, freezers, washing and sewing machines, children's clothing and shoes, coffee and caviar.

Coffee is not grown in the Soviet Union, and the import duty is up to \$15 a pound.

The announcement also said customs duties will climb to a range of 20 per cent to 100 per cent of the retail price of vacuum cleaners, mixers, coffee-grinders, irons, radios, cameras, automobile parts and other items. It was not clear if this meant import or export duties.

**Goods**  
Export limits were imposed recently in Czechoslovakia and several other East European countries after complaints that tourists from neighbouring socialist nations were stripping their stores bare of consumer goods.

The growing practice prompted a Soviet economist, Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya, to warn in Soviet culture yesterday of an impending "trade war" among socialist countries.

Many Russians travel to Eastern Europe on shopping trips, and Pavlova-Silvanskaya herself

reminded about trips to East Germany and Poland. She said her boss insisted that "the programme had to include a visit to some institutions named for Lenin, lest the Germans or Poles think the citizens of the nation of the great October Revolution are coming to shop."

None of the socialist countries of Eastern Europe has fully convertible currencies, and they trade with each other based on exchange rates that often do not cover the exporting country's cost of production, much less a profit.

Pavlova-Silvanskaya noted that capitalist countries don't find an invasion of shoppers a problem — in fact, just the reverse. On Nov 7, a holiday in Hungary, 100,000 Hungarians went to Austria and spent \$42 million in hard currency, she wrote.

Rather than limit exports, the Austrians responded to the horde of shoppers with advertisements in Hungarian newspapers, inviting them back on their next day off, Pavlova-Silvanskaya noted.

**ADB loans for Indonesia**  
JAKARTA, Jan 2. (OPECNA): Indonesian private enterprises will benefit from two loans of \$200 million to be extended by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

According to the Manila-based bank, the first loan of \$150 million will be repayable in 15 years, including a three-year grace period.

The second loan of about \$50 million, which is interest-free, comes from the bank's concessional fund and is repayable in 35 years, including a 10-year grace period.

Both loans carry a service charge of one per cent per year. ADB also approved two technical assistance grants totalling \$0.70 million to finance studies relating to regional development banks and securities markets.

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**Bauxite:** Discovered near the Al Zubeira village, 460 km west of Riyadh, with reserves estimated at 94 million tons.

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## World Business Summary

### China begins bidding on offshore oil exploration

BEIJING, Jan 2. (Reuters): China tomorrow formally opens a large area of its southeast coast to exploration by foreign oil companies in hopes of reviving flagging interest in its energy sector. The official New China News Agency said today that the nation's third round of bidding to explore for offshore oil covers 32,000 square km (12,000 sq miles) in the Pearl River basin in the South China Sea. At the same time it formally announced a reduction of royalty payments to encourage investors to develop small offshore oilfields. The news agency said Chinese and foreign oil firms would be exempt from fees for oilfields with reserves less than 36.5 million barrels of crude oil. A maximum rate of 12.5 per cent was in effect in earlier rounds of bidding. China had high hopes for its offshore oil production when it first opened up its offshore areas to exploration by foreign oil companies in 1983. But oil prices have tumbled since then and exploration results have been largely disappointing. China produced a mere 712,000 tonnes of oil from its offshore fields in 1987 — the last full year of available statistics — out of total output of 134 million tonnes. The news agency quoted officials of the state-run China National Offshore Oil Corporation, which sponsors the bidding, as saying the area has good potential for oil. Several oil companies had already bought data needed to assess the area's prospects, it said, without giving details.

But Western diplomats who follow the oil industry said they did not expect an enthusiastic response from foreign oil companies. "I would be very surprised if there is much interest in these blocks," said a diplomat.

### Barriers fall to form Arctic to Rio Grande free trade zone

WASHINGTON, Jan 2. (Reuters): With tough obstacles overcome, a US-Canada agreement went into effect yesterday that will ultimately create the world's biggest free trade zone, extending from the Arctic circle to the Rio Grande river. Over the next 10 years it will end tariffs between the two countries, already the world's biggest trading partners, and pave the way for expanded cross-border investment and trade in energy and services. To settle disputes over alleged violations, a two-nation commission will be established with the power to make binding rulings. The agreement proposal ran a tough obstacle course. Proposed by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to President Reagan in 1985, it was received without enthusiasm by the US Congress, which only narrowly gave Reagan the authority to negotiate an agreement. Later, it was almost scuttled by the Canadian Senate, forcing Mulroney to call an election that was in effect a referendum on the trade pact, which he won. US customs officials said tariffs would be phased out, but yesterday would be dropped entirely on such tourist goods as fur garments, whisky and rum, skis and skates. They said tariffs would fall yesterday by 20 per cent on jewellery and some meats and musical instruments and by 10 per cent on textiles, apparel, tyres, wine, beer and watches. The world's two biggest trading partners exchanged more than \$150 billion in goods in 1988. Economists said the pact will expand that even further although the United States, because of its size, is likely to reap the most benefits. Despite the importance both Mulroney and Reagan placed on the agreement, it went into effect without fanfare. Reagan signed the final implementation documents on Saturday while vacationing at the California White House. Mulroney was vacationing in Florida.

## Saudis set to develop mineral riches

RIYADH, Jan 2. (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian government is keen to diversify its sources of income and pay special attention to its extensive mining and mineral resources, given its vast deposits of gold, silver, copper, zinc and other valuable metals, according to a senior official.

In a statement, last week, Ibrahim Ahmed Khubeiri, Saudi undersecretary for mineral resources, said exploration of mines was assigned to the directorate general of mineral resources in 1960. Since then, it had conducted several studies and geological surveys, as well as prepared geological maps covering an area of nearly 600,000 sq km.

He said the studies conducted by the Jeddah-based directorate included estimates of non-hydrocarbon mineral resources and their production costs.

**Activities**  
Highlighting the activities of the directorate general, Khubeiri mentioned aerial photography of several regions, the drawing up of geological maps for the area known as the "Arab Shield," a geophysical survey of the regions constituting the shield, geochemical research, and, finally, drilling and digging in the light of the geophysical surveys carried out.

"If the geophysical survey proves that mining is profitable, then the mining process will be assigned to Petromin, the state oil company, which, in collaboration with the private sector, undertakes commercial exploitation for all mine and metal discoveries," he said.

In the early 1930s, he recalled, the Mahd Al Dahab mine — meaning the cradle of gold — was inaugurated.

Khubeiri provided, what he

called, the current studies of discovered mines and metals in the kingdom.

**Gold:** There are old gold mines in the Arab Shield, west of the kingdom which include:

● Mahd Al Dahab, located 280 km east of Jeddah and containing 1.10 million tons of gold and silver. The Goldfield Company obtained a concession for mining in Mahd Al Dahab in 1978. In collaboration with Petromin, the Goldfield Company constructed a tunnel to explore the mine which was officially inaugurated by King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz in 1983.

● Hajjar, located south of Bisha, is a historic gold quarry and believed to contain large deposits. In the past, an estimated 3.50 million kg of gold was extracted from here.

● Bir Talwiah, situated east of Zulm City with an estimated 300,000 tons of gold.

● The Sukheirat region has estimated gold reserves of 5.60 million tons.

● The Al Amar mines, located 650 km northeast of Jeddah, have an estimated 1.08 million tons of gold, silver, zinc and copper. A number of international companies have shown interest in exploiting the deposits.

● The Al Shakhliyya mines have estimated reserves of gold raw material, including gold, of about 1.50 million tons in their northern section. The estimated reserves of the entire area are believed to be three million tons.

**Silver:** Expected to be found in 250 places in the Dawadmi region, reserves of the precious metal are believed to total 701,000 tons.

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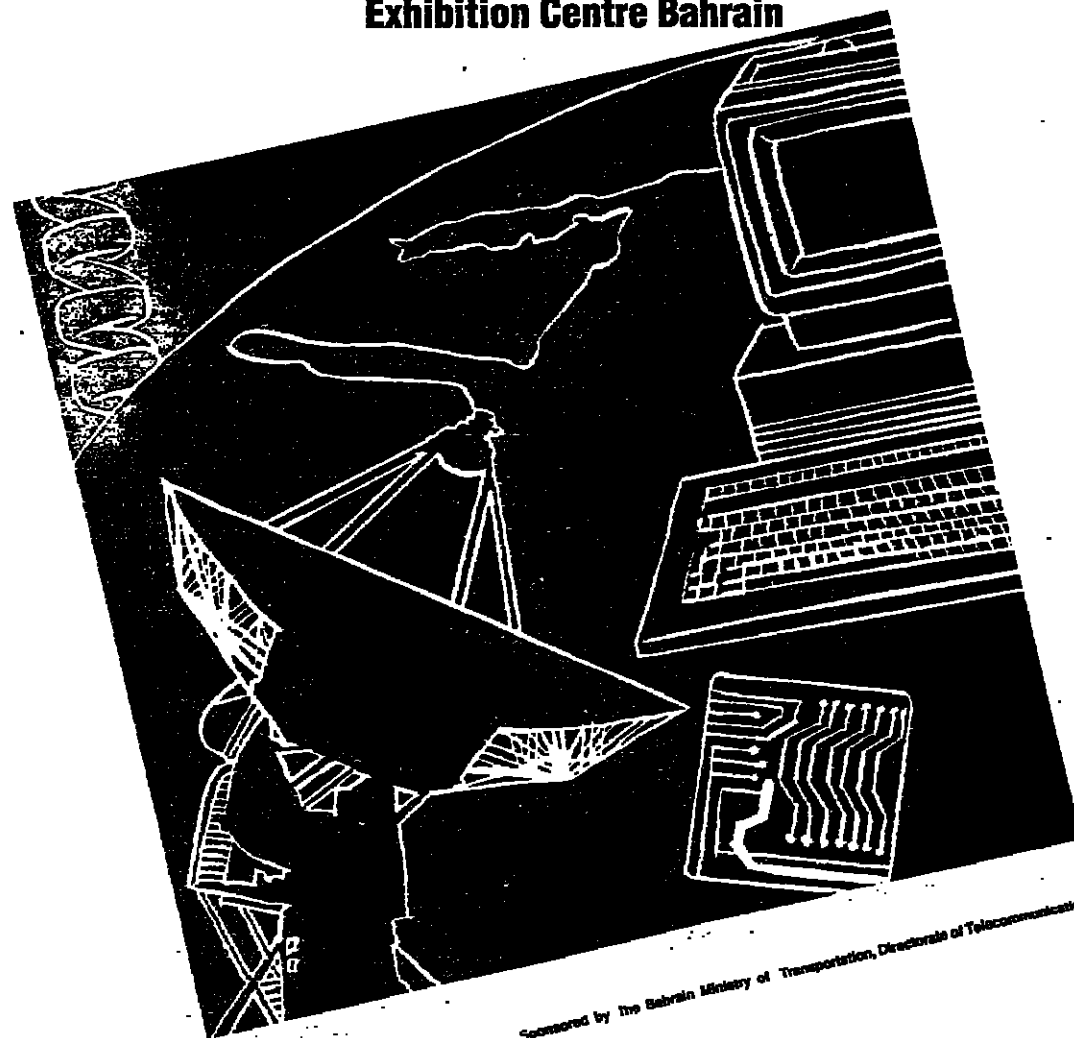
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## Schultz and Balestrat triumph

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan. 2. (AP) Ninth seeded Dutch teenager Brenda Schultz had to struggle for almost three hours Monday to overcome Eranmanuelle Derly of France 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) and advance to the second round of the \$150,000 Danone Australian Women's Hardcourt Tennis Championships.

Schultz, 16, who has improved her world ranking from 150th to 40th over the past 12 months, stayed calm to take out the final set tiebreaker in a dramatic centre court match at the Milton Tennis Centre.

Twelfth seeded American Anne Grossman, 15th seeded South African Dinky van Rensburg and 16th seeded Australian Di Balestrat also won first-round matches on the opening day of the 56-draw Virginia Slims series event, which is being played on synthetic rebound ace courts.

The top eight seeds, headed by Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia, Pascal Paradis of France and American Patty Fendick, have first round byes.

Grossman beat Belgian Ann Devries 6-3, 7-5. Van Rensburg eased past Australian Louise Field 6-1, 6-4 and veteran left-hander Balestrat struggled past Nicole Jagerman of the Netherlands 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Claudia Porwik of West Germany scored the only upset of the day, ousting 14th seeded Etsuko Inoue of Japan 7-5, 1-6, 6-3.

Australian teenager Rachel McQuillan beat 1984 French Open semifinalist Camille Benjamin of the United States 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4.

The tournament continues through Sunday. It is part of a series of warm-up events for the Australian Open, which will be played from Jan. 16-29 at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

**Results**

Kathleen Horvath (US) beat Monica Javer (US) 6-3, 7-5; Manon Bollegraf (Netherlands) beat Hilde Wiens (Netherlands) 6-3, 7-5; Laura Golaras (Italy) beat Ronni Reis (US) 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-1; Brenda Schultz (Netherlands) beat Eranmanuelle Derly (France) 6-7 (7-9), 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); Catherine Tanvier (France) beat Julie Halard (France) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; Nathalie Herremans (France) beat Petra Langrova (Czechoslovakia) 6-2, 6-1; Dianne Balestrat (Australia) beat Nicole Jagerman (Netherlands) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; Jill Heberting (Canada) beat Masako Yanagi (Japan) 6-1, 6-4; Liz Smylie (Australia) beat Andrea Temesvary (Hungary) 6-3, 7-5; Compiegne (US) beat Silke Meier (West Germany) 6-3, 7-6 (6-3); Carin Baklund (Netherlands) beat Marianne Werdel (US) 6-1, 6-1; Beth Herr (US) beat Sally McLean (Australia) 6-4, 6-4.

## Srejbner sails past Bailey in opener

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Jan. 2. (AP) Second-seeded Milan Srejbner of Czechoslovakia beat Britain's Chris Bailey 6-4, 6-2 in today's first round of the \$145,000 BP New Zealand Tennis Championships.

Srejbner took less than an hour to breeze past Bailey and advance to the second round of the Nabisco Grand Prix tournament at Renouf Centre.

Fourth-seeded Shuzo Matsuo of Japan and seventh-seeded Glenn Michibata of Canada also progressed.

Matsuo dominated his West German opponent Frank Denhardt for a 6-3, 6-1 victory, while Michibata won in two sets by Sweden's Lars Wahlberg, eventually winning 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.

Big-serving Roger Smith of the Bahamas beat Danilo Marcelino 6-4, 7-6 in another first-round match, while Meno Oosting of the Netherlands ousted Michael Kures of the United States, 6-3, 6-3.

Americans Robbie Weiss, Doug Burke, Paul Chamberlin and David Wheaton all also advanced.

## BILLS REACH AMERICAN CONFERENCE FINAL

# Montana helps 49ers overwhelm Vikings

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2. (Reuters) Quarterback Joe Montana threw three touchdown passes to lead the San Francisco 49ers to a 34-9 drubbing of the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League's American Conference playoff yesterday.

The 49ers, who won the Superbowl following the 1981 and 1984 seasons, will travel to Chicago to play the Bears on Sunday for the championship of the National Football Conference and a trip to the Superbowl on Jan. 22.

The Buffalo Bills, winners over the Houston Oilers 17-10 earlier yesterday, will play the Cincinnati Bengals next Sunday for the right to represent the American Football Conference in the Superbowl.

Pressure

One of the keys to San Francisco's victory was its strong defence, which kept pressure on Minnesota quarterback Wade Wilson throughout the game, sacking him six times.

The 49ers defence also throttled Minnesota star receiver Anthony Carter — who set an NFL playoff pass-reception record of 227 yards against San Francisco in the playoffs last January. The 49ers limited him to just three catches for 45 yards yesterday.

San Francisco's running game was spearheaded by Roger Craig who scored two touchdowns — one on an 80-yard gallop — and churned out 135 yards on 21

carries. He also caught three passes for 26 yards.

Jerry Rice caught all three of the touchdown passes from Montana, who completed 16 of 27 passes for 178 yards.

It was an especially sweet victory before the hometown crowd of 61,848 for Montana who was the losing quarterback against the Viking last January and had suffered three consecutive post-season losses.

Minnesota opened the game's scoring in the first quarter when Chuck Nelson kicked a 47-yard field goal. San Francisco answered with a two-yard touchdown from Montana to Rice to take a lead they never relinquished.

Just as the first quarter ended, Ronnie Lott intercepted Wilson and Rice followed with a 21-yard run on a reverse. Montana then hit Rice with a five-yard touchdown pass. The extra point gave the 49ers a 14-3 lead.

In the final minute of the first half, Montana directed the 49ers 70 yards in 10 plays, capping the drive with another touchdown pass to Rice, who finished the game with five receptions for 61 yards.

In the second half the Vikings rallied for one touchdown in the third quarter on a five-yard pass to Hassan Jones.

But after the extra point was missed, the Vikings appeared listless and essentially were out of the game from that point.

The 49ers picked up two more touchdowns when Craig scored



Jim Kelly: finished the game with completions on 19 of 33 attempted passes

on a four-yard run and his 80-yard stunner.

Minnesota's top runner was Allen Rice who gained 20 yards on five carries. Wilson completed

23 passes in 47 attempts for 255 yards for the Vikings.

The victory gave San Francisco coach Bill Walsh his 100th career win against 63 losses and

one tie.

In the second game, Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly, criticised recently for not producing enough touchdowns, came out throwing and finished the game with completions on 19 of 33 attempted passes for 244 yards. But again he failed to throw a touchdown pass.

After a scoreless first quarter, Buffalo's Leonard Smith blocked a Houston punt to give the Bills the ball at midfield.

Buffalo, 12-4 in regular season play, marched downfield with the help of a 16-yard run by Thurman Thomas and a scoring plunge by Robb Riddick from about a yard out.

Houston came back with a 35-yard field goal to make the score 7-3, but failed on another attempt field goal just before the half ended when Buffalo's Bruce Bennett blocked a 39-yard effort.

Early in the third quarter Houston intercepted a Kelly pass, setting up a 31-yard Houston field goal try. But the kick was wide, appearing to have been tipped by a Buffalo defender.

Immediately afterward, Buffalo drove downfield from its own 26-yard line to score when Thomas — the game's leading rusher with 75 yards on seven carries — ran in a 10-yard burst up the middle to give the Bills a 14-3 lead.

Despite winning, the Bills offence sputtered several times as it had in losing the last three of four games in the regular season. Buffalo missed two opportuni-

ties to score in the first quarter — one on a bad snap from centre and again when the Oilers stopped them with just inches to go for a first down on Houston's two-yard line.

The Bills were stymied again after Kelly threw a 33-yard pass to Andre Reed to the Houston four-yard line late in the third quarter. Buffalo elected not to attempt a field goal as the fourth quarter began and failed to score when Houston once again stopped them just inches short of the goal.

But shortly afterward the Bills' Mark Kelso intercepted a Warren Moon pass to give Buffalo possession on the Houston 18-yard line and the Bills made a 27-yard field goal to make the score 17-3.

Moon, who completed 17 passes on 33 attempts for 240 yards in the game, failed to complete a pass in the entire third quarter. But he came alive in the fourth quarter to move the Oilers 80 yards in nine plays. He completed four passes and the Oilers scored on a one-yard run by Mike Rozier.

This left the Oilers behind by one touchdown with more than five minutes to play.

The Bills' ground game ate up three minutes before Buffalo punted. But the Oilers sealed their own fate when Curtis Duncan fumbled the ball on Houston's 17-yard line.

Buffalo recovered with under two minutes left and merely ran out the clock to sew up the game.

## 'Flo Jo' voted 1988 Champion of Champions



Griffith Joyner

PARIS, Jan. 2. (Reuters) Triple Olympic gold medalist Florence Griffith Joyner also known as 'Flo Jo', has been elected the 1988 Champion of Champions by an international jury of sports writers, French sports daily L'Equipe said today.

American Griffith Joyner, who won gold in the 100, 200 and 400 metres at the Seoul Games, beat East German swimmer Kristin Otto, winner of the six Olympic titles, into second place. West Germany's world number one tennis player Steffi Graf was third.

It was the first time the top three places in the poll had gone to women. Last year's winner was a man, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson.

## Thometz ready for world event

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2. (AP) Speed skater Nick Thometz, who a year ago during the US Olympic trials was battling a blood disorder that sapped his strength, is ready for world competition.

Thometz captured the United States International Speedskating Association sprint title on Saturday by winning the 1,000 metres and taking second in the 500 metres.

During Friday's first day of competition, he won the 500 metres and was second in the 1,000.

"I'm a lot more confident in my skating. With the World Sprint Championships two months away, I've got a lot of time to work on things and have good preparation," said Thometz, who was bothered last year by a low blood platelet count.

"It's nice to be a national champion. I feel like I skated four pretty good, solid races," he said.

## Johnson and Hampton thrash Michigan State

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, Jan. 2. (AP) Wayne Johnson threw three touchdowns passes and Rodney Hampton ran for 109 yards and scored three times as Georgia gave coach Vince Dooley a 34-27 Gator Bowl victory over Michigan State in his final game last night.

The Georgia victory spoiled a record-setting performance by Michigan State's Andre Rison, who caught nine passes for 252 yards, breaking the former Gator Bowl mark of 192 receiving yards by Florida State's Fred Biletnikoff in 1965.

Rison caught scoring passes from Bobby McAllister on plays covering 4, 55 and 50 yards and he also caught a 51-yard pass to set up Blake Ezor's 53-yard touchdown run to bring Michigan State within 27-20 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter.

But the Spartans couldn't overcome an early 17-0 deficit.

In 25 seasons at Georgia, Dooley coached the Bulldogs to 201 victories including yesterday's win over Michigan State in the first meeting between the universities.

## Club-side upsets Soviets

LONDON, Jan. 2. (Reuters) Scottish basketball team Murray Livingston sprang a major surprise by beating the Soviet Union national side 72-66 in the semifinals of the World Invitation Club tournament at Crystal Palace yesterday.

Livingston controlled the possession and tempo of the match through their American playmaker Victor Fleming.

The Russians, invited to the tournament as part of their

European tour, were unable to score for the first four minutes of the game and could not recover from a 15-0 deficit.

Livingston coach Ian Gordon said: "It came down to defence and hard work. We just tried not to become over-awed."

"We knew the hard and physical game the Russians play suits us and we were able to equal them for strength. To beat them is a second Christmas."



Jacky Ickx in his Peugeot 405 T16 in the Tunisian desert. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Ickx retains Paris-Dakar lead

DIRKOU, Niger, Jan. 2. (AP) Ari Vatanen of Finland turned in the best time for cars in the fourth timed leg of the 11th Paris-Dakar Rally yesterday, but his Peugeot teammate Jacky Ickx of Belgium still led in overall standings.

The motorcycle event was cancelled for the day because of the absence of a refuelling truck 150 kilometres (90 miles) from the finish of the day's stage — 732 kilometres (455 miles) from Timu, Libya, to this northeastern Niger community.

The cancellation aroused the ire of Cyril Neveu of France, who had been well ahead with Italians Franco Pico and Edi Orioli.

Already the night before, after the 577-kilometre (358-mile) Sebha-Tumu leg, Frenchmen Guy Freguelin and Philippe Wambergue, both driving Peugeot 205 Turbo 16s, and Briton Andrew Cowan in a Mitsubishi, protested the decision of the rally commissioner to assess them three hours worth of penalties for having missed a control point.

Freguelin, who was in third place in the overall standings, claimed the control point was either insufficiently marked or not installed where the road book said it was supposed to be. Ickx and Carlos Mas of Spain each posted close victories in the 469-kilometre (291-mile) second special test from Ghadames to Sebha.

Ickx's total overall time after the fourth leg was 3 hours, 56 minutes, 27 seconds, with Berglund six minutes behind.

### Standings

1. Jacky Ickx-Christian Tarin, Belgium, Peugeot, 3 hours 56:27  
2. Ari Vatanen-Bruno Berglund, Finland, Peugeot, 6:00 behind  
3. Patrick Zanardi-Jean-Marc Andrie, France, 1:51:50  
4. Henri Pescarolo-Patrick Fourcig, France, Land Rover, 1:54:22  
5. Patrick Tambay-Dominique Lemoine, France, Mitsubishi, 2:11:00

6. Jean-Pierre Fontenay-Musmar, France, Mitsubishi, 2:52:21  
7. Salvatore Salvia-Jaime Puig, Spain, Range Rover, 2:52:30  
8. M. Tjsterman-K. Tjsterman, Netherlands, Mitsubishi, 2:58:42  
9. Guy Colsoul-Eric Symens, Belgium, Mitsubishi, 3:23:25  
10. Miguel Prieto-Manuel Junkosa, Spain, Nissan, 3:33:06

**Motorcycles:**  
1. Stephane Peterhansel, France, Yamaha, 11:22:47  
2. Gilles Lale, France, Honda, 01:46 behind  
3. Franco Picco, Italy, Yamaha, 09:36  
4. Cyril Neveu, France, Yamaha, 10:25  
5. Carlos Mas, Spain, Yamaha, 27:23  
6. Thierry Magnaldi, France, Honda, 27:40  
7. Marc Morales, France, Honda, 29:53  
8. Gaston Rahier, Belgium, Suzuki, 31:13  
9. Edi Orioli, Italy, Cagiva, 35:01  
10. Augustin Vail, Spain, Suzuki, 49:54

## Hill takes England to victory over Scotland

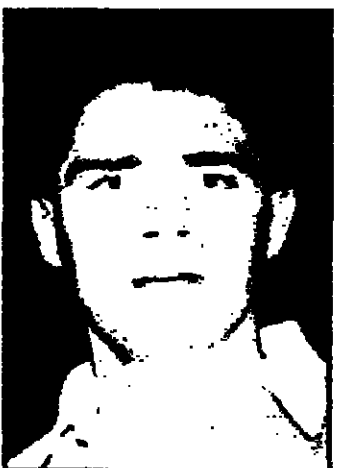
NATIONALISTIC feelings ran high this weekend as "England" played "Scotland" as part of Kuwait (KMMC) Nomads' domestic fixture. The game proved to be a very bruising encounter with tempers flaring on both sides. However, sensible refereeing ensured this contained aggression made for a close competitive match. England won the game 12-7.

The English team applied much of the early pressure, but strong tackling and poor options taken resulted in few clear cut scoring chances. The English backs lacked real penetration and so it was left to the forwards to open the scoring.

**Conversion**

A forward drive and maul found Steve Hill with the ball who drove over to score, assisted by the simple frame of Dave Sanderson. Woolston's conversion gave England a 6-0 lead.

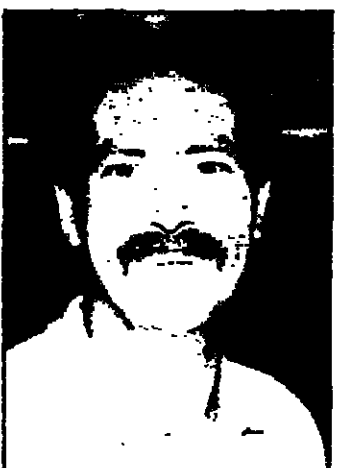
Scotland had some exciting attacking moments, notably when winger Rory Duncan was in possession. England needed the accurate kicking of Hill and



Hill: touchdown

covering of Hughes to prevent the Scots from scoring.

In the second half the boot of Adams kept England pinned down in their own "22" for almost the entire half. The loss of John Sanderson gave England even fewer outside options and Scotland drove relentlessly at the English line.



Adams: played well

Fine tackling from Dave Sanderson Jr. kept the Scots at bay, but inevitably the defence broke and Steve Hutchinson Jr scored a try after some fine Scottish inter-passing. Adams missed the conversion but was on target five minutes later with a penalty after an England line-out infringement, thus giving the Scots a 7-



Hill: accurate

6 lead. Out of necessity, England changed their tactics and began to drive at Scotland through the forwards. They also increased the pressure in the scrum where Best's hooking was excellent. The deciding score came with ten minutes to play.

Hill received the ball standing

off from a maul. He drove through the forward defence and with the cover arriving cleverly grubbered the ball forward. The turning cover was unable to catch him as he touched down for his and England's second try of the game.

Woolston scored his second conversion to crown an excellent kicking performance by the new recreation manager at the Holiday Inn.

Peter Mason had a fine game at flanker and the responsibility of leadership inspired Bill Buttery to one of his best performances in the Scotland team.

Next weekend sees six Kuwait Nomads travel to Abu Dhabi to play for the North Gulf XV against the South Gulf. This match will form the basis for selection for the Gulf R.F.U. XV to play a Scottish international side at the end of the season.

The six are: Houston (prop), Quinn (lock), Robinson (flanker), Hill (No. 8), Bulless (wing) and Ellis (full-back). Sole and Evans were also selected but are unable to travel.



## SPORTS

# BAAB may re-open Budd inquiry

LONDON, Jan 2, (AP): British track officials said today they would re-open a probe into Zola Budd's eligibility for international competition if the South African-born runner attempts to return to her adopted country.

Officials also were concerned about remarks attributed to Budd questioning the tactics of such anti-apartheid leaders as Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Sam Ramsamy, head of the London-based South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee.

Budd said in a television interview on New Year's eve that she wanted to run internationally again for Britain although she would not renounce the apartheid policies of her homeland to do so.

Last spring, Budd — a British citizen since 1984 — returned to South Africa as the British Amateur Athletics Board (BAAB) investigated whether she had violated international bans on contact with her homeland by attending a meet in Brakpan.

Establish That probe was terminated once Budd left Britain, but board officials said it would be re-opened if she returned.

"We would certainly re-constitute this committee to establish Budd's eligibility," said Tony Ward, the board's spokesman.

Ward also expressed concern about the remarks attributed to Budd regarding Tutu, Ramsamy and other anti-apartheid leaders in the documentary, scheduled for airing next spring.

"If that is true then she has not helped herself in being accepted at an international level," Ward said.

He noted that the International Amateur Athletic Federation, track's worldwide governing body, recently changed its charter to give all member nations an equal vote. That gives black African nations more power if they wish to keep Budd out of competition, the spokesman said.

## Ramsey gets Belgian job

BRUSSELS, Jan 2, (UPI): Jack Ramsey, basketball coach of the Portland Trailblazers and the Indiana Pacers, has become technical director of the Belgian national team.

Leon Wandel, manager of the Belgian basketball team, said Ramsey will watch a game at the end of January, study video tapes and spend a month in Belgium in April to make a first selection.

Ramsey will spend only part of his time in Belgium, Wandel said, for a full time assignment would be too costly. "In the United States, this man is valued at \$400,000 a year," he said.

## Italian club

VERONA, Italy, Jan 2, (UPI): Italian soccer club Verona, currently lagging at mid-table in the League, has been counting former Italian national coach Enzo Bearzot, Milan's La Gazzetta dello Sport reported today. Verona coach Osvaldo Bagnoli may have temporarily saved his job with last weekend's 2-1 victory over Fiorentina, but the papers say discussions with Bearzot will likely be continuing.

## Barcelona keep up the pressure on Real

# AC Milan can still retain crown, says Gullit

LONDON, Jan 2, (Reuters): Dutch star Ruud Gullit, back in action after weeks of injury, believes AC Milan can still retain the Italian title despite another disappointing result.

And Johan Cruyff, who in the 1970s performed as brilliantly in the Dutch colours as Gullit does today, is also looking forward to success in 1989 after an emphatic win for his Barcelona team.

Worst After a goalless home draw with Sampdoria at the weekend, Gullit said: "In the second half I saw glimpses of last year's side which won the trophy... we are not going to say that the championship is lost yet."

Gullit said of his own performance: "I still have to find my best form, but the worst is past. I got near to scoring, but unfortunately it was only near."

Milan are eight points adrift of arch-rival Internazionale, who are unbeaten at the top of the First Division with 20 points out of a possible 22.

Inter moved three points clear of second-placed Napoli with a 3-0 win at Lecce which included a brilliant goal by West German midfielder Andreas Brehme, in

## WASIM CAPTURES FOUR AUSTRALIAN WICKETS FOR 25 RUNS

# Aamir takes Pakistan to victory

PERTH, Australia, Jan 2, (Reuters): Pakistan scored their first World Series Cup win when they beat Australia by 38 runs at the WACA Ground this evening.

All-rounder Aamir Malik, who will be 26 tomorrow, upstaged his better-known teammates with a spirited innings of 90 out of a total of 216 for seven.

He then took the wickets of Graeme Wood and Allan Border as Australia were bowled out for 178.

Pakistan's success followed four successive defeats and they now look capable of challenging Australia for a place in the final of the triangular tournament which has been dominated by West Indies.

Australia were always struggling to match Pakistan's challenging total made from 49 overs and when Border was out for 11 in the 31st over, they had sunk to 102 for six.

However, Simon O'Donnell, in his comeback match after being cured of cancer, staged a brave fightback. He lost Ian Healy, Craig McDermott and Merv Hughes as partners as he made 46 from 54 balls before being last out taking a wild swing at Wasim Akram.

The wicket was Wasim's fourth for 12 runs in the space of 18 balls.

Earlier David Boon and Geoff Marsh each made 24. Both were out just when they appeared set, falling to promising young fast-medium bowler Aaqib Javed.

Dean Jones was run out for 13, failing to a superb return by Wasim from fine leg which shattered the stumps. Wood was out for two, caught low down the bowler Aamir, and Steve Waugh was bowled off his pads by a ball which kept low from Aaqib.

Border struggled for 43 minutes before he was caught in the covers off Aamir for 11.

Wasim finished with four for 25 off 8.1 overs, Aaqib with three for 28 and Aamir with two for 35 to be named Man of the Match.

Aamir, in only his fifth limited overs international, held the Pakistan batting together with an innings that included eight boundaries. He faced 135 balls during 163 minutes at the crease.

He and Javed Miandad steadied the side from 30 for two after 10 overs with an 83-run partnership in 97 minutes. They were parted when O'Donnell, with the final ball of his 10th over, had Miandad caught by



Aamir Malik  
Terry Alderman at backward point for 31.

Scoreboard  
Pakistan 216 (49 overs)  
Australia 178 (49 overs)



Wasim Akram  
Saeed Anwar c Border b Alderman 15  
Aamir Malik c O'Donnell 11  
b McDermott 22

Javed Miandad c Alderman b O'Donnell 31

Salim Malik c Healy b S. Waugh 0  
Ejaz Ahmed c Border b Hughes 17  
Imran Khan c Healy b S. Waugh 5  
Wasim Akram not out 26  
Salim Younis not out 1  
Extras (b 1 lb 3 w 16 nb 6) 26  
Total (for seven wickets — 49 overs) 216  
Fall of wickets: 1-30 2-30 3-113 4-118 5-154 6-200 7-209  
Bowling: Alderman 10-1-32-1 (3w), Hughes 10-1-49-2 (5w), McDermott 10-2-38-2 (2w), O'Donnell 10-0-45-1 (2w 2nb), Waugh 9-0-48-2 (6w 2nb).  
Did not bat: Taseef Ahmed, Aaqib Javed

AUSTRALIA  
D. Boon c Ejaz b Aamir 24  
G. Marsh c Younis b Aamir 24  
D. Jones run out 13  
C. Wood b Aamir 2  
A. Border b Miandad b Aamir 11  
S. Waugh b Aamir 12  
S. O'Donnell b Wasim 46  
I. Healy c Younis b Wasim 16  
C. McDermott c Ejaz b Wasim 8  
M. Hughes c Ejaz b Wasim 8  
T. Alderman not out 0  
Extras (b 10 w 4 nb 5) 22  
Total (all out — 46.1) 178  
Fall of wickets: 1-46 2-67 3-73 4-79 5-98 6-102 7-152 8-152 9-174  
Bowling: Wasim 8-0-30-4, Waugh 8-1-4-25-4 (2w 3nb), Aamir 10-1-35-2 (2w 2nb), Taseef 6-0-29-0, Salim Malik 4-0-21-0  
Result: Pakistan won by 38 runs  
Man of the Match: Aamir Malik (Pakistan)

## Davenport puts a spoke in United's wheel

# Gunners blast Spurs to stay on top

LONDON, Jan 2, (Agencies): Paul Merson's goal midway through the first half launched Arsenal to a 2-0 victory over Tottenham today and enabled the Gunners to open up some space between them and second-place Norwich at the top of English soccer's First Division.

Arsenal's home victory, in a nationally televised meeting of north London archrivals, left it with 40 points from 19 games, two more than Norwich, which has played one game more.

The Canaries, which had led the League for 12 weeks before Arsenal nosed in front Saturday on goal difference, reclaimed first place for about two hours today. Alan Taylor, playing his first Division One match in eight years, scored Norwich's lone goal in a 1-1 draw against Queens Park Rangers.

Merson's goal came in the 25th minute, and Arsenal got a break minutes later when goalie John Lukic avoided a foul when he brought down a charging Chris Waddle about five metres in front of the goal.

Hat-trick The Spurs, in the midst of a resurgence after a disastrous early season, put plenty of pressure on Arsenal and had a chance to tie about two minutes from the end as Paul Stewart worked a breakaway. But Stewart's shot from 10 metres was aimed right at Lukic's stomach and the Arsenal goalie clutched the ball tight to his green jersey.

As the Spurs threw everyone forward in a last-gasp effort, Arsenal clinched the victory as Michael Thomas scored from 10 metres just before the match ended.

Coventry and Luton both enjoyed exciting second halves packed with goals. Scottish international Dave Speedie completed a hat-trick to help Coventry



Falco: got the equaliser for QPR

try to a 5-0 win over Sheffield Wednesday while Roy Wegerle and Mick Harford each scored twice in Luton's 6-1 thrashing of Southampton.

Millwall held on to third place with a late goal from substitute defender David Thompson which gave them a 1-0 win over London rivals Charlton.

Thompson, 19, latched on to a header by striker Tony Cascarino in the 86th minute to prolong Charlton's League run without a win to 10 games.

Leroy Rosenior was both hero and villain as bottom club West Ham slumped to their sixth home defeat of the season, against FA Cup holders Wimbledon.

Rosenior equalised in the 39th minute after winger Dennis Wise had given Wimbledon an early lead. But then the West Ham striker deflected a free kick from Wise past goalkeeper Allen McKnight in the 84th minute to give Wimbledon a 2-1 win.

Manchester United, 3-1 winners over champions Liverpool yesterday, lost 1-0 to Middlesbrough with the goal coming from a former United player, Peter Davenport, who had gone 12 matches without scoring.

Struggling Sheffield Wednesday's frustration at Coventry boiled over when their Icelandic midfielder Siggi Jonsson was sent off after 73 minutes for aiming a punch at Lloyd McGrath.

Results

English Division One	
Arsenal	2 Tottenham 0
Coventry	5 Sheffield Wed 1
Luton	6 Southampton 1
Middlesbrough	1 Manchester 0
Millwall	1 Charlton 0
Newcastle	0 Derby 1
Notts Forest	2 Everton 0
Q.P.R.	1 Norwich 1
West Ham	1 Wimbledon 2
Playing Tuesday: Liverpool v Aston Villa	

English Division Two	
Barnsley	0 Cardiff 2
Birmingham	0 Oldham 0
Blackburn	4 Stoke 3
Bournemouth	2 Brighton 1
Bradford	1 Sunderland 0
Crystal P.	4 Walsall 0
Ipswich	2 Leicester 0
Manchester	0 Leeds 0
Oxford	2 Chelsea 3
Plymouth	1 Watford 0
Portsmouth	0 Swindon 2
West Brom	4 Shrewsbury 0

English Division Three	
Aldershot	0 Huddersfield 1
Blackpool	2 Bury 2
Bolton	2 Mansfield 0
Bristol C.	0 Bristol R. 1
Fulham	3 Brentford 3
Huddersfield	3 Southend 2
Northampton	1 Preston 0
Port Vale	1 Notts County 0
Sheffield U.	1 Chesterfield 3
Swansea	2 Wrexham 1
Wigan	3 Gillingham 0
Wolves	3 Chester 1

English Division Four	
Crewe v Carlisle late game	
Doncaster	2 Scarborough 1
Grimsby	2 Colchester 2
Halifax	5 Scunthorpe 1
Hartlepool	1 Rotherham 1
Hereford v Torquay	late kickoff
Rockdale	0 Leyton O. 3
Stockport v Exeter late game	
Tranmere	2 Burnley 1
Wexham	2 Luton 1
York	2 Lincoln 1
Playing Tuesday: Peterborough v Cambridge	
Scottish Division One	
St Johnstone	2 Forfar 1

## Queensland face rare defeat

BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 2, (Reuters): Queensland faced the prospect of being beaten in a Sheffield Shield match in Brisbane for the first time for five years after struggling to 170 for six in their second innings — a lead of only 61 — against Western Australia today.

Peter Clifford was 61 not out, his highest first-class score for Queensland.

The day began well for the home side with Carl Rackemann and Dirk Tazelaar taking the last four Western Australia first innings wickets for 17 runs in just 37 minutes. Rackemann finished with six for 65.

Score: Queensland 184 and 170 for six (Peter Clifford 61 not out), Western Australia 293 (Wayne Andrews 82, Tom Moody 69, Mike Veletta 59 and Carl Rackemann six for 65).

## Shell Cup

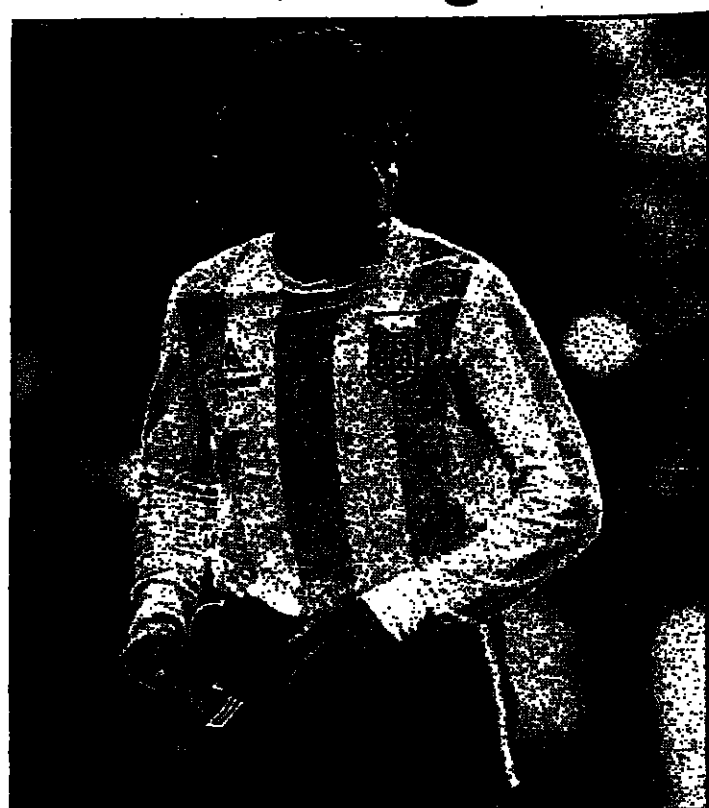
WELLINGTON, Jan 2, (Reuters): Results of Shell Cup one-day cricket matches today.

New Plymouth: Central Districts 78 (Danny Morrison four for 21), Auckland 81 for no wicket (Richard Reid 49). Auckland won by 10 wickets.

Mt Maunganui: Northern Districts 90 for five v Canterbury. Match abandoned because of rain.

Alexandra: Otago 114 (Kevin Burns 52), Wellington 117 for four (Bruce Edgar 68 not out). Wellington won by six wickets.

# Bilardo hopes busy calendar will be of benefit to Argentina



Burruchaga: hit by injury since 1987

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 2, (Reuters): Coach Carlos Bilardo hopes a busy international soccer calendar in 1989 will lift Argentina from the gloom of a disappointing 1988.

He is optimistic after the world champions ended the year on a good note with an encouraging away draw against Spain in October.

The core of the side, including star and captain Diego Maradona, showed even more keenness than when they won the World Cup in Mexico in 1986, he said.

## Shock

Argentina, who seldom managed to field a full-strength side in 1988, were a disappointment in tournaments in West Berlin, Australia — where they received a shock 4-1 drubbing from the hosts — and the Seoul Olympics.

The 1-1 draw with Spain left Argentina's post-Mexico record, not including the Olympics, at a paltry three victories and seven defeats in 14 matches. Bilardo, his sights fixed on the World Cup defence in Italy in 18 months, aims to take Argentina on two tours of Europe in the second half of 1989.

He has also asked the Argentine Football Association (AFA) to try to arrange friendlies with South American opposition, especially Brazil.

But the main test for the world champions will be the South American Championship in Brazil in July.

He said the AFA had a draft of his 1989 plans and it was the clubs' turn to support the national team after withholding players this year.

Bilardo said the only reason Argentina turned down an invitation to play in the Rous Cup in Britain in May was a clash of dates with the closing stages of the First Division championship.

The AFA has arranged some midweek friendlies with South American sides in March and April and Bilardo hopes to have his full squad, half of whom are with European clubs, in mid-June two weeks ahead of the South American Championship.

Bilardo said that in March he hoped to gather the European-based stars and four or five locally-based players somewhere in Europe for training and possibly a match against a club side.

## Devise

He said partly among the top European teams made it easier for him to devise new tactics for Argentina.

Bilardo, apart from looking at some promising new players, is hoping World Cup midfielders Jorge Burruchaga and Hector Enrique will recover from injuries which have plagued them since 1987.

"If Burruchaga recovers as we hope he will, with two or three young additions, we'll be even stronger in Italy than we were in Mexico," Bilardo said.

## Napoli pay for 'tactical move'

NAPLES, Italy, Jan 2, (UPI): Recriminations are flying after Napoli's late benching of the Italian League's leading scorer during its 1-0 loss to Roma yesterday.

Brazilian Careca, who has netted nine times in 11 matches, was substituted in the 84th minute at the Olympic stadium.

Three minutes later, Roma's West German international Rudi Voller produced the match-winning goal for the hosts. The defeat left second-placed Napoli three points behind League leader Inter.

"I certainly wasn't tired, I don't know why (coach Ottavio) Bianchi took me off," Careca said. "Maybe it was a tactical move. We certainly suffered a brutal loss."

Officials and players refused to discuss a reported argument in the locker room after the defeat.

## New assets

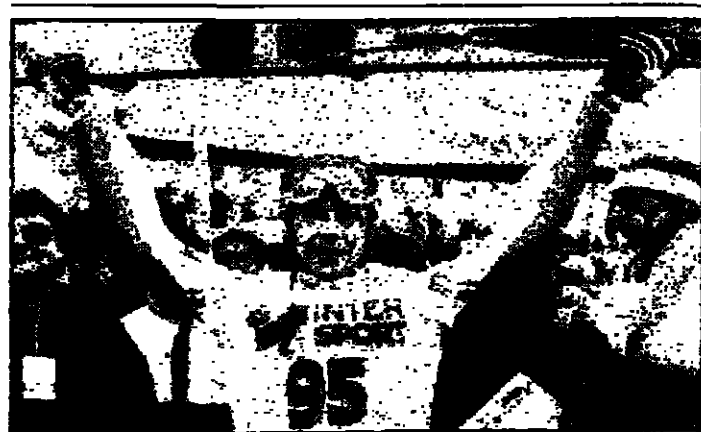
BRUSSELS, Jan 2, (UPI): Steven Flack of Britain and Canadian soccer player Kevin Winters are the two new assets of Belgian First Division club Molenbeek.

Flack, 24, joins Molenbeek from Finland where he scored 15 goals in 20 matches. Winters, 20, played previously for the Vancouver Whitecaps.

## Cremona fan

CREMONA, Italy, Jan 2, (UPI): A 15-year-old Cremona soccer supporter remained in grave condition today after being beaten near to death by rival Brescia fans following an Italian Second Division match on Saturday.

Daide Fornaroli was attacked by a gang of hooligans as the train he was travelling home on stopped at a station.



Nykanen lifts his jumping skis after winning the second leg. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Thoma retains lead in Four-hill ski jumping

GARMISCH - PARTENKIRCHEN, West Germany, Jan 2, (AP): Olympic triple gold medalist Matti Nykanen of Finland won the second leg of the traditional Four-hill ski jumping tour by soaring 109 and 102 metres (358 and 334 feet) yesterday.

West German Dieter Thoma, who captured the first segment of the event in Obervorsdorf two days earlier, managed only a fourth-place finish in the second round but held on to his lead in both the four-hill tournament and the World Cup competition.

Thoma posted jumps of 104.5 and 102.5 metres (343 and 336 feet) yesterday, trailing second-place finisher Jens Weissflog of East Germany and Finland's Risto Laakonen, who came in third.

The 19-year-old Thoma swept down the track after his first jump, visibly angered that he had to land prematurely when a strong sidewind began pushing

him wide off the track.

Weissflog accomplished jumps of 104 and 100 metres (341 and 328 feet) and Laakonen landed with 107.5 and 99.5 (353 and 326) in his two attempts, both earning more style points from the judges than did Thoma to finish ahead of the tournament leader on New Year's day.

Laakonen, who finished second behind Thoma on Friday, remains in second place in the overall four-hill competition, followed closely by Nykanen in the third spot.

## Moves

Thoma has now accumulated 433.5 points midway through the tournament that now moves on to Austria, and Laakonen has 429.5 and Nykanen 429.

Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards of Britain also repeated his finish in the first leg of the competition by posting the worst jump of the day — 32 metres (105 feet) — to finish last in the field of 94 competitors.

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